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ABSTRACT

The books listed in this annotated bibligraphy have been selected to assist teachers, librarians, and other interested persons in choosing books for reluctant readers. The books present a wide range of high interest material which is not always at a low reading level. Books are listed in three categories: picture books, intended mostly for use with primary grade children; fiction--adventure and mystery, animal stories, fantasy and science fiction, sports stories, miscellaneous fiction, and story collections; and nonfiction--biography, haunted houses, monsters and UFO's, hobbies and crafts, the world of entertainment, Indians of North America, science, sports, wild animals and pets, wings and wheels, and the world at war. Annotations for each entry include bibliographic data, a brief description, print size, vocabulary range, and reading and interest levels. (JM)

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General Introduction

This bibliography has been prepared in order to assist librarians, teachers, and other interested persons in selecting print materials in book form for reluctant readers. By "reluctant readers" is meant those students who, because of lack of interest, lack of reading ability, or a combination of both, do not enjoy reading as a leisure activity.

Because the needs of these readers are as varied as their abilities, this bibliography attempts to present a wide range of material of high interest, but not necessarily always at a low reading level. Some of the books listed here are quite challenging with respect to the degree of difficulty of the vocabulary used in them, but it is to be hoped that the contents are of such a high degree of interest that the reader will be encouraged to continue reading.

It must be emphasized that the present bibliography is not definitive and that it merely attempts to indicate titles which may prove successful with reluctant readers. Opportunities for disagreement with the choice of titles in this list, and for substitution of more appropriate titles are unlimited.

All the books cited herein have been personally examined by the author of this bibliography, and all the titles in this list are known to exist in at least one of two places, viz. the Manitoba Department of Education Library, Room 206, 1181 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, and the Winnipeg Public Library, 380 William Avenue, Winnipeg.

Some explanation of the format of the bibliography may be in order.

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There are three large divisions - picture books, intended mostly for use with students in the primary grades, fiction, and non-fiction. In the fiction and non-fiction divisions, there are further subdivisions, e.g. in the case of fiction, Adventure and Mystery, Animal Stories, Fantasy and Science Fiction, etc. Subdivisions with the heading, "Miscellaneous", include titles which simply do not fit easily into any one category. Within their respective subdivisions, annotations are arranged alphabetically by the surname of the author.

The format of the annotations is as follows. Author, title, place of publication, publisher, date of publication are first given, followed by a brief comment on, or description of, the contents of the book. The next parts may require more explanation. A very general comment on the size of print has been made because reluctant readers are often deterred by small print. The presence of illustrations has been noted as a source of appeal to the reader. Comments on the degree of difficulty of vocabulary are to be taken as approximations only, not as exact or scientifically verifiable statements. In categorizing vocabulary as easy, fairly easy, or moderately easy, an attempt has been made to indicate three ascending degrees of difficulty. The emphasis on "easy" is to avoid unnecessary discouragement of reluctant readers. Where the vocabulary does present any unusual difficulties, this is indicated by means of a longer comment in the annotation. The average sentence length is based on random samples of selections from the works in question. Reading levels have been based, in some cases, on application of the Dale-Chall Readability Formula, in others, on a statement of reading level in the book in question, and in still others, on an estimate made by the author of this bibliography. Interest levels are estimates only. In neither reading nor interest levels need the statements be interpreted too stringently. Because of individual differences among readers, the levels can serve only as guidelines. Finally, it will be noted that not all the foregoing elements appear in every annotation. It was not considered necessary to include them all in <u>every</u> case.

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In conclusion, grateful acknowledgement is offered to the following persons for their assistance and advice in the preparation of this bibliography: Mr. Michael Angel, Mrs. Judy Dilk, Mrs. Olöf Hardy, and Mr. T.D. Holm, all of the Manitoba Department of Education; Mrs. Evelyn Lamb, librarian of Dufferin School, Winnipeg; and Mrs. Helen S. Robertson, librarian of the Children's Department of the Winnipeg Public Library, whose patience and kindness merit special tribute.

David Rozniatowski

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Introduction to Fiction Section

(See also General Introduction to the complete bibliography.) The titles in this division represent a selection of fictional materials which can be used with students from the elementary to the senior grades. The works listed vary considerably in the degree of difficulty that the authors' vocabulary or style present to the reader, but a genuine attempt has been made to select materials in which young readers are likely to be interested. For example, the bizarre and beautiful style of Ray Bradbury's Something Wicked This Way Comes may prove too challenging for some readers, but the appeal of the supernatural elements in the story may well hold the attention of others.

For the most part, titles have not been selected from series designated for the use of reluctant readers, but from general fiction collections. Librarians, teachers, and other persons who are interested in obtaining information about special series should contact the Department of Education Library, Room 206, 1181 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

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Adventure and Mystery

Allan, Mabel Esther, Ship of Danger. New York, Abelard Schuman, 1974. 153p.

Eighteen year old Nella Pollant is delighted to accompany her father on his ship's Easter cruise but the trip proves more unsettling than she or anyone else anticipated.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Ambler, Eric. The Levanter. New York, Atheneum, 1972. 307p.

A good action and espionage novel. Michael Howell who runs a small fleet of cargo vessels in the Eastern Mediterranean is forced by a Palestinian guerrilla organization to serve as an accomplice in the planning and execution of a major strike against Israel.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Amerman, Lockhart. Cape Cod Casket. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1964. 192p.

Jonathan Flower, son of secret agent Major Flower, takes a summer job as a tutor to two children, and finds himself plunged into a mystery which reaches a climax when one of the children disappears.

Average size print.
Vocabulary and style may present difficulties for some readers.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-11.

Amerman, Lockhart. The Sly One. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1966. 160p.

Jonathan Flower and his father pursue an international criminal who is posing as a gypsy king.

Average size print.
Vocabulary may present difficulties for some readers.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-11.

Anderson, Mary. Matilda Investigates. New York, Atheneum, 1973. 166 p.

Eleven year old Mattie decides that she is going to become the first great woman detective, and has many amusing and unexpected adventures in investigating a mystery.

Large print. Illustrations by Carl Anderson.
Moderately easy vocabulary. . . . 6
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Annixter, Jane and Paul. The Great White. New York, Holiday House, 1966. 158p.

A young Eskimo boy hunts a great polar bear which is believed to have supernatural powers.

Large print.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 4-10.

Annixter, Jane and Paul. Wagon Scout. New York, Holiday House, 1965. 204p.

On a westward trek to California, in the post-Civil War period, a boy learns to hunt, to guide, to face up to danger and to assume responsibility.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Annixter, Jane and Paul. Windigo. New York, Holiday House, 1963. 196p.

A suspenseful, well-written story of a young fur trapper, Andy Cameron, who finds his traps being mysteriously robbed. Andy does not want to believe in the existence of the Windigo, the evil spirit that has made hunters and trappers avoid the valley where Andy has his trap lines, but as the mystery increases, even Andy begins to wonder.

Large print.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Arnold, Elliott. White Falcon. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1963. 246p.

The hero of this story is a white boy who is kidnapped by Indians and raised by them. His adventures unfold against the backgound of Lord Selkirk's arrival in the Red River Valley.

Large print. Illustrations by Frederick J. Chapman.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Arthur, Ruth M. My Daughter Nicola. New York, Atheneum, 1965. 122p.

Nicola, the Swiss heroine of this story, feels that her father does not really love her because she is not a boy. To prove her worth to her father, she sets out on a dangerous mountain climbing expedition.

Moderately easy vocabulary - some words may be difficult for the reluctant reader. e.g. "desolate","conjectured", but meaning can usually be determined from context clues.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Ashlee, Ted. Voyage into Danger. Toronto, Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1971. 138p.

A story of intrigue and modern day piracy in the Queen Charlotte Islands off the coast of British Columbia.

Average size print. Illustrations by Alan Daniel.
Vocabulary may present some difficulties.
Glossary of nautical and foreign terms at end of book.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Bagley, Desmond. High Citadel. Garden City, New York, 1965. 298p.

Pilot Tim O'Hara is forced at gunpoint to land in a South American republic where he and his passengers must fight for their lives against the well-armed soldiers of a hostile army.

Average size print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Baker, Betty. The Blood of the Brave. New York, Harper and Row, 1966. 165p.

A historical novel. Juan, the son of a blacksmith signs on with Cortez, the 16th century explorer on his voyage to Mexico.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-9.

Baker, Betty. The Treasure of the Padres. New York, Harper and Row, 1964. 172p.

Three children set out on a treasure hunt after finding an old Indian map.

Large print. Illustrations by Leonard Shortall.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Ballantyne, Lareine. The Scout Who Led An Army. Toronto, MacMillan, 1963. 106p.

Based on a true incident from the war of 1812, this is the story of Billy Green, a young Canadian who led the British army in an attack on the invading American army at Stoney Creek, Ontario.

Large print. Many good black and white illustrations.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Bannon, Laura. Who Walks the Attic? Chicago, Albert Whitman and Co., 1967. 126p.

An amusing mystery story in which two boys investigate the presence of prowlers in the attic of a country house.

Large print. Good black and white illustrations.
Moderately easy vocabulary,
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-7.

Bartos-Höppner, B. The Cossacks. London, Oxford University Press, 1962. 195p.

A historical novel set in 16th century Russia. A fifteen year old boy joins the Cossack troops on their mission to open a route into Siberia.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Baudouy, Michel-Aimé. Deception of St. Nazaire. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1963. 120p.

An adventure story concerning the exploits of Tom MacTymm, a young Scot who is spending the summer with a French family at St. Nazaire. Tom wants to be a photographer-journalist and is determined to take pictures of a great ocean liner being built at St. Nazaire, even though the ship is protected by strict security.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Baudouy, Michel-Aimé. More Than Courage. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1959. 159p.

A boy rebuilds an old motorcycle and rides it in a dangerous race.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Beatty, John and Patricia. The Queen's Wizard. New York, Macmillan, 1967, 246p.

Nicholas Quill comes in contact with Dr. Griffin, astrologer to Queen Elizabeth I of England, and discovers a plot against the Queen's life.

Average size print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-9.

Beatty, Patricia. How Many Miles to Sundown. New York, William Morrow and Co., 1974. 222p.

In 1881, Beeler Quiney, a tomboy, her younger brother and a pet longhorn accompany a fifteen-year-old boy searching for his father through Texas and the New Mexico and Arizona territories.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Benary-Isbert, Margot. Castle on the Border. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1956. 277p.

In post-war Germany, a young girl with ambition to become an actress is involved in a plan to help refugees escape from East Germany to the Western sector.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Benham, Leslie and Lois. The Heroine of Long Point. Toronto, Macmillan, 1963. 113p.

Based on an actual event which occurred in 1854, this story relates how Abigail Becker, the wife of a trapper living on Long Point, rescued the shipwrecked crew of the schooner, Conductor, after the ship was caught in a hurricane while sailing from Lake Erie to Toronto.

Large print. Some rather uninspired illustrations by Vernon Mould.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

Berna, Paul. A Hundred Million Francs. London, Bodley Head, 1957. 174p.

A gang of Paris back-street children become involved in some mysterious events.

Average size print. Illustrations by Richard Kennedy.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Best, Herbert. Desmond and Dog Friday. New York, Viking, 1968. 126p.

Desmond the dog detective and his master Gus investigate some strange happenings on a small island.

Small print. Illustrations by W. T. Mars.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

Best, Herbert. Desmond the Dog Detective: The Case of the Lone Stranger. New York, Viking, 1962. 96p.

Desmond, a 57 varieties dog, doesn't enjoy the prospect of playing with Gus, his master, in the tree house for most of the summer. The resourceful Desmond, therefore, manages to sidetrack Gus on to investigating some mysterious happenings connected with a series of robberies. Plenty of action and humour enliven the story.

Average size print. Some amusing illustrations by Lilian Obligado.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Bice, Clare. Hurricane Treasure. Toronto, Macmillan, 1965. 190p.

Mystery and adventure in a Nova Scotia setting as two boys are caught up in a search for a long-lost treasure.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Bishop, Claire Huchet. Twenty and Ten. New York, Viking, 1952. 76p.

In German-occupied France of 1944, twenty French children help to conceal ten refugee children from Nazi pursuers.

Larger than average print. Good illustrations by William Pène du Bois.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Blades, Ann. A Boy of Taché. Montreal, Tundra Books, 1973.

A brief and pleasant description in words and pictures of the life of a small boy on the Taché Indian reserve on Stuart Lake, British Columbia.

Slightly larger than average print.
Attractive but very static colour illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-6.

Blake, Quentin. Snuff. London, Jonathan Cape, 1973.

Snuff is a young page who longs to be a knight, but his master, Sir Thomas Magpie, finds that Snuff is too much of a dreamer to do things well. When Sir Thomas and Snuff are up against four desperate thieves, however, Snuff proves that he has intelligence and courage.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Blish, James. The Vanished Jet. New York, Weybright and Talley, 1968. 117p.

Fifteen-year-old Stan Dorman investigates the mysterious disappearance in flight of an experimental sub-orbital transport plane on which his parents were traveling.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Bonham, Frank. Cool Cat. New York, Dutton, 1971. 151p.

A fast-paced novel of the life of black teen-agers in a big city ghetto.

Average size print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-11.

Bothwell, Jean. White Fawn of Phalera. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1963. 186p.

A romantic story of an American girl who goes to work as a nurse at a mission hospital in India.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Bova, Ben. Escape! New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1970. 122p.

Danny Romano, convicted of attempted murder and looting, is sentenced to an indefinite term at a special juvenile center which is run and guarded by a complete escape-proof computer system. In spite of the system, Danny is determined to escape.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Bova, Ben. Out of the Sun. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1968. 88p.

A scientist-detective investigates the mysterious destruction of an experimental fighter plane.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Bowen, Robert Sidney. Born to Fly. New York, Criterion Books, 1971. 180p.

The adventures of a young pilot with a group of stunt fliers.

Large print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Bradbury, Bianca. Two on an Island. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1965. 139p.

After their rowboat drifts away, two children spend a few harrowing days marooned on a small island.

Large print. Some illustrations in black and white.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-6.

Bramwell, Barbara and Heather. Adventure at the Mill. Toronto, Macmillan, 1963. 113p.

During the war of 1812, young Will Dobson and his eight-year-old sister, Mattie, are living with their mother and grandfather at a grist mill in southern Ontario. The family befriend a lost Negro boy who arrives at the mill, which is later attacked by an American raiding party. All ends happily, however.

Large print. Good black and white illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Brecht, Edith. Benjy's Luck. Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott, 1967. 55p.

Benjy needs two dollars to buy a beagle puppy that he wants, but he despairs of his wish being fulfilled when he loses his lucky penny. He decides to try and win the money by riding his mule in a local horse show.

Large print. Many black and white illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-5.

Brill, Ethel C. Madeleine Takes Command. New York, Whittlesey House, 1946. 204p.

Told in the form of a novel, this book is based on the true story of Madeleine de Verchères who, in 1692, with her two brothers and a garrison of only seven people defended their fort against attacking Iroquois Indians.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Bruce Adams.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Brink, Carol Ryrie. Andy Buckram's Tin Men. New York, Viking, 1966. 192p.

Andy Buckram, a young inventor, builds four robots from tin cans and scraps of metal. Andy does not realize how useful his robots can be until he finds himself adrift with them after a torrential storm floods the countryside around his home.

Average size print. Some black and white illustrations.
Comparatively easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Brink, Carol Ryrie. Baby Island. New York, Macmillan, 1937. 172p.

Two young girls , four babies and a monkey are shipwrecked together on a tropical island.

Average size print. Illustrations by Helen Sewell.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Brink, Carol Ryrie. The Pink Motel. New York, Macmillan, 1959. 183p.

When their parents inherit a motel in Florida, Kirby and Bitsy Mellen are delighted, not only by the motel, but also by the strange guests who stay there. A hidden treasure, an alligator hunt, and a kidnapping are among the ingredients of this amusing story.

Average size print. Some illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-6.

Brinley, Bertrand R. The Mad Scientists' Club. Philadelphia, Macrae Smith, 1965. 186p.

The fun-filled escapades of six boys who are always thinking up weird and wonderful inventions.

Average size print. Illustrations by Charles Geer.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Bulla, Clyde Robert. Riding the Pony Express. Thomas Y. Crowell, 1948. 95p.

In 1860, eleven-year-old Dick Park has many exciting adventures at Owl Creek, a way station at which pony express riders change horses.

Large print. Illustrations by Grace Paull.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Bulla, Clyde Robert. Viking Adventure. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell, 1963. 117p.

An exciting and well told story of Sigurd, a young Viking growing up in ancient Norway.

Large print. Good illustrations by Douglas Gorsline.
Easy vocabulary.
Mostly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Burdick, Eugene and Harvey Wheeler. Fail-Safe. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1962. 286p.

A highly suspenseful novel in which, due to an incredible error, a group of American bomber planes, armed with nuclear warheads, streak past the fail-safe point beyond recall with Moscow as their destination and target.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8.
Interest Level: Grade 9-12.

Butterworth, W. E. Fast Green Car. New York, W. W. Morton, 1965. 205p.

Tony Fletcher has almost no interest in sports cars or sports car racing until an eccentric professor convinces him otherwise, and Tony finds himself competing in a major race.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Carleton, Barbee Oliver. The Witches' Bridge. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1967. 232p.

Returning to his ancestral home in Massachusetts, thirteen-year-old Dan Pride discovers that he must free his family from the suspicion and superstition that surrounds them because of an ancient curse laid on the neighbouring town by one of Dan's ancestors.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Carlson, Natalie Savage. The Orphelines in the Enchanted Castle. New York, Harper and Row, 1964. 95p.

A group of little French orphan girls have some amusing adventures in an old castle in the forest of Fontainebleau. This is one of a series of books about the Orphelines.

Large print. Illustrations by Adriana Saviozzi.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Casewit, Curtis. Adventure in Deepmore Cave. New York, Doubleday, 1965.

Four explorers, three of them teen-age boys, encounter mystery, adventure and danger while investigating an unexplored cave.

Average size print. Illustrations by Albert F. Michini.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Catherall, Arthur. A Wolf from the Sky. London, Dent, 1974. 104p.

Two children on a remote Canadian homestead are forced to help a successful and dangerous plan hi-jacker who has baled out near their home.

Small print. Illustrations by Derek Lucas.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Cavanna, Betty. Mystery in Marrakech. New York, William Morrow and Co., 1968. 223p.

Against the background of an exotic Moroccan setting the mysterious disappearance of an American girl makes for an intriguing story.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Chaber, M. E. The Acid Nightmare. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1967. 126p.

Johnny Blake has a bad trip on LSD. When he recovers, he finds himself in a straitjacket, facing a murder charge.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Chalmers, John W. Horseman in Scarlet. Toronto, Gage. 165p.

A well-written fictional account of the career of Sam Steele as a member of the North West Mounted Police the predecessors of the R.C.M.P.

Average size print. Illustrations by Lex Bell.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Chalon, Jon. The Voyage of the Floating Bedstead. Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1973.

After listening to an old sailor's stories, two young children decide to go to sea, and have many adventures on their boat which they make from an old brass bed.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Chute, Marchette. The Wonderful Winter. New York, Dutton, 1954. 216p.

In 16th century England, a boy runs away from his aristocratic family and goes to London where he joins a troupe of Shakespearean actors.

Average size print. Illustrations by Grace Golden.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Clark, Margaret Goff. Mystery at Star Lake. Richmond Hill, Ontario, Scholastic-TAB Publications, 1965. 120p.

Jeff Ramsey goes to the Algonquin wilderness to help his brother build an addition to the family cottage, and finds a frightening mystery waiting for him.

Average size print. Illustrations by E. Harper Johnson.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Cohen, Peter Zachary. Morena. New York, Atheneum, 1970. 140p.

Alex, a young Boy Scout, is accidently left behind in the hills after a camping expedition. Caught in a severe snowstorm, he comes upon a wily old horse who has no intention of letting Alex ride her.

Large print. Illustrations by Haris Petie.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Collin, Paul Ries. Parcel for Henry. London, Oxford University Press, 1970. 51p.

When Henry Ellis finds a mysterious parcel that keeps changing its shape and making strange noises, he little knows that this is only the beginning of a series of incredible adventures.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by William Papas.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-6.

Colman, Hila, The Family and the Fugitive. New York, William Morrow and Co., 1972. 192p.

Five young people living in a commune shelter a girl who is a revolutionary, hunted by the F.B.I.

Average size print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Cook, Lyn. Rebel on the Trail. Toronto, Macmillan, 1965. 247p.

An enjoyable story of two children who become involved in the Upper Canada rebellion of 1837.

Average size print. Illustrations by Ruth M. Collins.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Corbett, Scott. The Case of the Fugitive Firebug. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1969. 130p.

Roger Tearle, boy detective, investigates a garage fire which has destroyed a valuable antique car.

Large print. Illustrations by Paul Frame.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Corbett, Scott. The Case of the Gone Goose. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1966. 139p.

Roger Tearle, his twin sister, Shirley, and their friend Thumbs Thorndyke investigate the mysterious killing of a prize goose.

Large print. Illustrations by Paul Frame.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

Corbett, Scott. The Case of the Ticklish Tooth. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1971. 116p.

When Roger Tearle discovers Dr. Butterick, the dentist, gagged and bound in his own chair, it proves to be the beginning of a new case for the boy detective.

Large print. Illustrations by Paul Frame.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Corbett, Scott. The Cave above Delphi. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1965. 126p.

Four children in Greece search for an antique gold ring in this exciting and humorous adventure story.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Gioia Fiammenghi.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Corbett, Scott. Diamonds Are More Trouble. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1969. 97p.

Aunt Myra insists on taking her priceless diamond necklace with her to her private island for the weekend. Many people, including two escaped prisoners and a conniving uncle, are after the jewels.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-10.

Corbett, Scott. The Red Room Riddle. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1972. 104p.

Jamie Bly invites Bill Slocum and his friend Bruce to spend a night in a haunted house. The visit turns into a terrifying experience.

Average size print. Illustrations by Geff Gerlach.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Corbett, Scott. Take a Number. New York, Dutton, 1974. 99p.

Dee, a young high school student, investigates the strange disappearance of her friend, Adrienne.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Craig, John. No Word for Good-bye. Toronto, Peter Martin Associates Ltd., 1969. 194p.

Two teen-age friends, Ken, a white boy, and Paul, an Ojibway Indian, enjoy a summer of exciting adventures together.

Average size print. Few illustrations by Harri Aalto.
Vocabulary of average difficulty.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 7-10.

Curry, Jane Louise. The Ice Ghosts Mystery. New York, Atheneum, 1972. 215p.

When Professor Bird mysteriously disappears while skiing in Austria, his wife and three children decide to investigate. They soon learn that the professor's disappearance is connected with a plot which threatens the whole world.

Small print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Davis, Lavinia R. Melody Mutton Bone and Sam. New York, Doubleday, 1947. 245p.

Sam, the young hero of the story, enlists the aid of his friends in helping Hoofbeats Brady to keep from losing his riding stable.

Average size print. Some illustrations in black and white.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

De Angeli, Marguerite. The Door in the Wall. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1949. 121p.

In fourteenth century England, Robin, the crippled son of a great lord, proves his courage and wins the recognition of the king.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Du Bois, William Pene. The Alligator Case. New York, Harper and Row, 1965. 64p.

A boy detective investigates two strange robberies in which the clues include a metal box, some overdone pork chops, and an alligator who dances the twist.

Large print. Attractive colour illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

DuMaurier, Daphne. The Glass Blowers. New York, Doubleday, 1963. 348p.

The story of how a family of master craftsmen in France are affected by the turbulent events of their time from just before the French Revolution to the ascendancy of Napoleon.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

Duncan, Lois. I Know What You Did Last Summer. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1973. 199p.

Four teen-agers who were involved in a hit and run accident are threatened with revenge by an anonymous letter writer.

Larger than average print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Duncan, Lois. Ransom. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1966. 189p.

Five teen-agers, kidnapped from a school bus, attempt to work together to escape from their captors.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Ecke, Wolfgang, Flight Toward Home. London, Macmillan, 1970. 116p.

At the end of World War II, a boy attempts to escape from East Germany to the West.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Ellis, Mel. Ironhead. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1968. 151p.

Seventeen-year-old Doug Doucette explores the swamps of the Florida Everglades in an attempt to find a legendary giant rattlesnake and bring it back alive.

Larger than average print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Erwin, Betty K. Go to the Room of the Eyes. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1969. 180p.

The Evans children embark on a treasure hunt in an old house where the clues have been left by children who lived there thirty years ago.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Irene Burns.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Faulknor, Cliff. The In-Betweener. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1967. 166p.

The misadventures of two boys, Chad Streeter and Jinx Clayton, come to an exciting climax when Chad is trapped in a mountain tunnel after a mine cave-in.

Average size print. Illustrations by Leonard Shortall.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Fletcher, David. The King's Goblet. New York, Pantheon Books, 1962. 311p.

Set in Venice, this story concerns two boys who are caught up in a series of adventures connected with the theft of an antique goblet.

Average size print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

Garfield, Leon. Devil-in-the-Fog. London, Constable Young Books Ltd., 1966, 188p.

A series of visits by a mysterious stranger to an eighteenth century English family sets off a plot in which fourteen-year-old George Treet joins a company of strolling actors, masquerades as the son of a robleman, and finds himself the victim of attempted murder.

Average size print. Illustrations by Antony Maitland.
Vocabulary may prove difficult for some readers.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Greene, Graham. Our Man in Havana. London, Heinemann, 1958. 273p.

A highly amusing story of an unassuming vacuum cleaner salesman who becomes a British undercover agent in Cuba.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8.
Interest Level: Grade 9-12.

Halacy, D. S., Jr. Sky on Fire! New York, Macmillan, 1965. 186p.

Young Ken Walton participates in airborne fire-fighting missions for the Forest Service in Arizona.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Hamori, Laszlo. Dangerous Journey. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1962. 190p.

Two young boys make a daring escape from Communist-occupied Hungary.

Average size print. Illustrations by W. T. Mars.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-9.

Hersey, John. The Wall. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1967. 632p.

This novel describes the systematic extermination of the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto during World War II, and their heroic resistance against the Nazis.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

Hicks, Clifford B. Alvin Fernald, Superweasel. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1974. 149p.

For his class project on pollution, Alvin Fernald disguises himself as Superweasel, pollution fighter, and actually does succeed in two ambitious schemes to end pollution in his town. Then an impostor appears on the scene, determined to convert Superweasel into the town's number one enemy.

Large print. Illustrations by Bill Sokol.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Hicks, Clifford B. Alvin's Secret Code. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1963. 159p.

Alvin Fernald and his friend, Shoie, seek the help of Mr. Link, a former spy, in decoding a secret message. After Mr. Link has taught them about codes, the boys must put their new knowledge to a dangerous test in solving a real mystery.

Average size print. Illustrations by Bill Sokol.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Hightower, Florence. The Ghost of Follonsbee's Folly. Boston, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1958. 218p.

A family moves into a one hundred-year-old American Gothic mansion which has a fascinating history.

Average size print. Illustrations by Ati Forberg.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-9.

Hildick, E. W. The Active-Enzyme Lemon-Freshened Junior High School Witch. New York, Doubleday, 1973. 207p.

Twelve-year-old Alison McNair begins to dabble in witchcraft, with unforeseen and amusing results, including the solution of a crime.

Large print. Illustrations by Iris Schweitzer.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Houston, James. Wolf Run: A Caribou Eskimo Tale. Don Mills, Ontario. Longman.

Punik, an Eskimo boy, sets out on a dangerous hunt for food for his starving family. He locates a caribou herd, but is too weakened by hunger and cold to attempt a kill or to protect himself from a snarling wolf waiting to attack him.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrated by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Jewett, Eleanore M. Mystery at Boulder Point. New York, Viking, 1949. 281p.

Martha Ann Atwater (better known as Marty) and Michael Blair investigate some mysterious happenings on the New England coast.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Jay Hyde Barnum.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-9.

Johnson, Annabel and Edgar. The Burning Glass. New York, Harper and Row, 1966. 244p.

In Missouri, in 1833, fifteen-year-old Jeb runs away to join Armand Deschute, a French fur-trader whose pack train is headed west. Together Armand and Jeb share the dangers of the trail, including Indian captivity.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Jordan, Hope Dahle. The Fortune Cake. New York, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1972. 160p.

A story which combines mystery, suspense, and romance. Jenny Jonsson's summer takes on a frightening aspect when she discovers a threatening message addressed to her father.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Kjelgaard, Jim. A Nose for Trouble. New York, Holiday House, 1949. 250p.

Having acquired a dog that is half bloodhound and a horse that is half broken, Tom Rainse finds himself involved in a mystery that develops into a wilderness feud.

Larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Ladd, Elizabeth. Meg and Melissa. New York, William Morrow and Co., 1964. 189p.

Meg, almost thirteen years old, is hired to look after eight-year-old Melissa at a summer resort in Maine. Mystery, adventure and danger await the girls on Shag Island.

Large print. Good illustrations by Mary Stevens.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

Lee, Benjamin. Paganini Strikes Again. London, Hutchinson, 1970. 141p.

A mystery adventure story with many comic touches, set in London. On their way home from a music lesson, two boys get stuck in an elevator and are witnesses to a crime. The only part of the criminal that they see, however, is his feet.

Small print. Illustrations by Trevor Stubley.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Leichman, Seymour. Freddie the Pigeon. New York, Doubleday, 1972.

Freddie, a pigeon who lives in New York, investigates a mysterious conspiracy involving espionage and foreign intrigue.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Leighton, Margaret. The Secret of Smugglers Cove. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E. M. Hale and Co., 1959. 143p.

On holiday in California, eleven-year-old Nancy learns to skin-dive, and becomes involved in a mystery concerning a lost treasure.

Large print. Illustrations by Mary Leighton Thomson.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

Leitch, Adelaide. The Great Canoe. Toronto, Macmillan, 1962. 115p.

Gros-Louis, a young Huron Indian, helps Champlain in a campaign against the Iroquois.

Large print. Illustrations by Clare Bice.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

MacGibbon, Jean. The Spy in Dolor Hugo. London, Heinemann, 1973. 103p.

Three children are caught up in the pursuit and capture of a spy hiding in Dolor Hugo, a great cave in Cornwall.

Large print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

MacInnes, Helen. Decision at Delphi. New York, Harcourt, Brace and Co., 1960. 434p.

A successful blend of romance, intrigue and adventure in beautiful Mediterranean settings.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

MacInnes, Helen. The Double Image. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1966. 309p.

Stopping over in Paris on his way to Greece, John Craig discovers a deadly and ingenious espionage plot which threatens U.S. security.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 9-12.

MacInnes, Helen. The Venetian Affair. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1963. 405p.

Paris and Venice provide the setting for this well written story of espionage and intrigue.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

McLaughlin, Lorrie. Shogomoc Sam. Toronto, Macmillan, 1970. 61p.

In 1850, twelve-year-old Sam who has been adopted by the Campeau family, joins a logging camp in New Brunswick, and sets out to find who his parents are, and what his name really is.

Large print. Illustrations by Randy Jones.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-6.

MacLean, Alistair. The Guns of Navarone. Glasgow, Fontana Books, 1957. 255p.

A small group of men undertake a dangerous mission against a German-held island in the Aegean Sea during World War II.

Small print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

Macken, Walter. Island of the Great Yellow Ox. London, Macmillan, 1966. 186p.

Conor, the son of an Irish fisherman, his four-year-old brother, Babo, and their two American friends, Edwin and George, are captured by the sinister Lady Agnes and forced to dig for buried treasure.

Large print. Illustrations by Charles Keeping.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Manus, Willard. The Mystery of the Flooded Mine. New York, Doubleday, 1964. 144p.

Skin diver Bill Bryan faces many dangers as he searches for gold in California mines that were flooded long ago.

Larger than average size print. Illustrations by James Dwyer.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Meeks, Esther K. Pete's Puzzle. Chicago, J. Philip O'Hara, 1972. 48p.

Pete is the first to discover the meaning of the clues mysteriously given to every boy in his fourth grade class.

Large print. Illustrations by Don Madden.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Mehdevi, Anne Sinclair. Rubies of the Red Sea. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1963. 178p.

On her way to meet her parents in Iran, Mona Delaney becomes involved in a suspenseful plot to protect a fortune in rubies.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Meigs, Cornelia. Mystery at the Red House. New York, Macmillan, 1961. 158p.

Two children investigate a series of mysteries connected with a country house in New England.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Robert MacLean.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Miller, Eugenia. The Golden Spur. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964. 142p.

Jacques Renauld, a stable boy in the service of Louis XVI of France, learns of a plot against the king's life, and desperately tries to warn the king just as the French Revolution is about to break out.

Average size print. Illustrations by Leonard Everett Fisher.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Mowat, Farley. The Black Joke. Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1962. 177p.

An exciting story of modern day piracy unfolds as two Newfoundland boys sign on as the crew of the schooner, the Black Joke.

Average size print. Illustrations by D. Johnson.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Mowat, Farley. The Curse of the Viking Grave. Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1966. 243p.

A sequel to Lost in the Barrens. This time the boys set out to explore a cache of Viking relics, and encounter many exciting adventures on their expedition.

Average size print. Illustrations by Charles Geer.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Mowat, Farley. Lost in the Barrens. Boston, Little, Brown and Co. 1956. 244p.

While exploring the Canadian Arctic region, two boys become lost, and need all their knowledge of the wilderness to survive.

Average size print. Illustrations by Charles Geer.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Nicole, Christopher. Operation Destruct. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1969. 230p.

Jonathan Anders, a British spy, is sent on an assignment in which Russian agents are trying to kill him and the British police are pursuing him on a murder charge.

Small print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Nicole, Christopher. Operation Neptune. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1972. 222p.

Jonathan Anders, the British spy, returns in an adventure about a search for information on a device which would allow man to move as freely under water as he does on land.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Nicole, Christopher. Where the Cavern Ends. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1970. 171p.

A fast paced adventure story set in Nassau. Two young men race against time and three desperate criminals to save a kidnapped girl.

Larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-11.

Parish, Peggy. Key to the Treasure. New York, Macmillan, 1966. 154p.

An enjoyable treasure hunt story involving three children and several secret codes.

Large print. Good illustrations by Paul Frame.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Phleger, Marjorie. Pilot Down, Presumed Dead. New York, Harper and Row, 1963. 206p.

Hurricane winds force Steve Ferris to crash land his plane on an uncharted island. He has to face the problems of survival on the island, and somehow find a way to return to civilization.

Slightly larger than average print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Read, Elfreida. No One Need Ever Know. Boston, Ginn and Co., 1971. 23p.

Against orders, a boy takes his father's boat out to sea to aid another boat that is in trouble during a storm.

Large print. Some illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Glossary of sailing terms included at end of book.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-7.

Reynolds, Alfred. The Adventures of Rattlesnake Ralph. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1973. 152p.

The adventures of young Ralph Jones who goes to seek his fortune in the California Gold Rush, and along the way finds a faithful partner in a talking rattlesnake named George.

Large print. Illustrations by Paul McKenna.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

Ridle, Julia Brown. Hog Wild. New York, Harper and Row, 1961. 232p.

In order to raise $500 to obtain medical help for his crippled father, young Joss Melborne joins a hog drive through rough hills and unknown territory.

Large print. Illustrations by Leonard Shortall.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Shippen, Katherine B. Lightfoot: the Story of an Indian Boy. New York, Viking, 1950. 122p.

The story of the first fourteen years of life of an Indian boy at the time of the great League of the Iroguois.

Large print. Illustrations by Tom Two-Arrows.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. The Egypt Game. New York, Atheneum, 1967. 215p.

Six children who enjoy playing at being ancient Egyptians become involved in a dangerous murder mystery.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Alton Raible.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. The Headless Cupid. New York, Atheneum, 1971. 203p.

David's step-sister, Amanda, is a student of the occult and the supernatural. She persuades David and three other children to join her in investigating the presence of a ghost in the house.

Average size print. Illustrations by Alton Raible.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. The Witches of Worm. New York, Atheneum, 1972. 183p.

Jessica suspects that her cat, Worm, is making her do terrible things, and tries to find out if Worm is being controlled by witches or devils.

Large print. Illustrations by Alton Raible.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown Finds the Clues. New York, Scholastic Book Services, 1966. 80p.

A collection of short stories describing a series of mysteries solved by a boy detective. Each of the mysteries is followed by an explanation of the solution.

Large print. Illustrations by Leonard Shortall.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Sommerfelt, Aimée. Miriam. New York, Criterion Books, 1963. 160p.

A Jewish family flees from the Gestapo during the Nazi occupation of Norway in 1941.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Speare, Elizabeth George. The Witch of Blackbird Pond. Boston, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1958. 249p.

In seventeenth century New England, a high-spirited girl's rebellion against the Puritan way of life leads to a witch hunt and a trial.

Slightly larger than average print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-11.

Sprague, Gretchen. Signpost to Terror. New York, Dodd, Mead and Co., 1967. 217p.

On a solitary hike in the mountains, Gail encounters danger in the form of an escaping bank robber.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-11.

Steele, William O. The Buffalo Knife. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1952. 177p.

An adventure story set in the southern United States in 1782. Young Andy Clark and his family face many dangers as they undertake a thousand mile voyage by flatboat down the Tennessee River.

Large print. Good illustrations by Paul Galdone.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Stewart, Mary. Nine Coaches Waiting. London, Hodder and Stoughton, 1958. 317p.

An English girl goes to France as governess to a boy who is heir to great estates in Savoy. The governess learns that her employers plan to kill the boy and implicate her.

Small print in present edition.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 8.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Storr, Catherine. Lucy. London, Collins, 1961. 78p.

Lucy wishes she were a boy and could have exciting adventures. Imagining herself as a detective, she tracks some real thieves with bravery and cunning.

Large print. Illustrations by Dick Hart.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Swayze, Beulah G. The Man with the Pitchfork. Toronto, Gage, 1967. 123p.

Betsy Ward, aged twelve, and Stephen Howard, aged fifteen, play important parts in William Lyon Mackenzie's rebellion of 1837 in this enjoyable historical novel.

Average size print. Illustrations by Blair Drawson.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Swayze, Fred. Manitoulin Manhunt. Toronto, Ryerson, 1962. 171p.

Two university students, working on an archaeological dig during the summer, encounter a mysterious hitchhiker who is actually an escaping murder suspect.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-11.

Thompson, Frances C. Danger in the Coves. Toronto, Macmillan, 1963. 122p.

The adventures of Davy Cameron and his brother Willie in mid 19th century Quebec include witnessing the fires that destroyed much of the city in 1845, and being kidnapped by a press gang who plan to carry them off to work on an ocean-going timber ship.

Large print. Good illustrations by Lloyd Scott.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Tunis, John R. Silence over Dunkerque. New York, William Morrow and Co., 1962. 215p.

Two British soldiers and their Airedale dog are stranded in France after the evacuation of Dunkerque in 1940.

Larger than average print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-11.

Van Stockum, Hilda. The Winged Watchman. New York, Farrar, Straus and Co., 1962. 204p.

The "Watchman" of the title is the windmill in which the Verhagen family live during the German occupation of Holland in World War II. Two of the Verhagen boys find an opportunity to help the patriots of the Dutch Underground.

Slightly larger than average print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Viereck, Phillip. The Summer I Was Lost. New York, John Day Co., 1965. 158p.

Thirteen-year-old Paul thinks of himself as a failure, until he is lost in the wilderness and has to meet the challenge of survival.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Ellen Viereck.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Walden, Amelia. Valerie Valentine is Missing. Philadelphia, Westminster Press, 1971. 188p.

While on vacation in Spain, Lisa Clark is unwillingly drawn into an investigation of the mysterious disappearance of Valerie Valentine, a famous portrait painter.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Walden, Amelia. What Happened to Candy Carmichael? Philadelphia, Westminster Press, 1970. 175p.

Lisa Clark and detective Jake Jefferson are investigating a murder when they stumble on to an international plot to take over world communications.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Wallace, Clarke. Montreal Adventure. Toronto, Burns and MacEachern Ltd., 1967. 121p.

Michel Legrande and David Lawton, two friends from Montreal, build radio receiving sets. The first message that they happen to pick up plunges them into an international conspiracy.

Average size print. Illustrations by Ernst Barenscher.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-9.

Walsh, Jill Paton. The Dolphin Crossing. Harmondsworth, Middlesex, Penguin Books, 1967. 134p.

During World War II, two boys sail to Dunkirk to aid in rescuing stranded British soldiers.

Small print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Ware, Leon. The Mystery of 22 East. Philadelphia, Westerminster Press, 1965. 181p.

Fifteen-year-old Tom Cameron, travelling by freighter from San Francisco to England via the Panama Canal, becomes involved in mysterious happenings, both at sea and on shore.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-10.

Westreich, Budd. The Day It Rained Sidneys. New York, David McKay Co., 1965. 181p.

Derek Morgan from New York flies to London to meet his pen pal, Sidney Pomeray, and becomes entangled in a fast-paced mystery involving a secret nuclear submarine.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-8.

White, Robb. Silent Ship, Silent Sea. New York, Doubleday, 1967. 231p.

The adventures of Kelsy Devereux, a seaman second-class straight from Boot Camp, who is assigned to the destroyer Caron during wartime operations.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

White, Robb. The Survivor. New York, Doubleday, 1964. 204p.

During World War II, twenty-year-old Lieutenant Adam Land, a pilot in the U.S. Naval Reserve, is sent with a group of Marines to reconnoiter an enemy-held island in the Pacific.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

White, Robb. Torpedo Run. New York, Doubleday, 1962. 183p.

A story of combat operations and mutiny aboard a U.S. Navy PT boat in the Pacific during World War II.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-11.

Winterfeld, Henry. Mystery of the Roman Ransom. New York, Harcourt, Brace Jovanovich Inc. 1971. 186p.

A lively mystery story set in ancient Rome.

Average size print. Illustrations by Fritz Biermann.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Animal Stories

Allred, Gordon. Old Crackfoot. New York, Ivan Obolensky Inc., 1965 116p.

The story of a legendary giant grizzly bear.

Rather small print. Good illustrations by Margery Brown.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grades 5-9

Anderson, C.W. Another Man O'War. New York, Macmillan, 1966. 112p.

An enjoyable horse racing story with the Kentucky Derby as a grand finale.

Fairly easy vocabulary.
Large print. Many full page illustrations
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grades 3-9

Anderson, C.W. The Outlaw. New York, Macmillan, 1967. 99p.

A boy trains a wild black stallion as a race horse and rides him to victory in an exciting climax.

Large print. Many full page black and white illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grades 3-9

Anderson, C.W. Phantom, Son of the Gray Ghost. New York, Macmillan, 1969. 86p.

A horse story that should be especially appealing to girls. Sally, the young heroine, acquires a horse with amazing ability as a racer and jumper.

Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grades 3-8

Armer, Alberta. Steve and the Guide Dogs. Cleveland, World Publishing Co., 1965. 190p.

Young Steve Ryan takes on the job of training a German shephard puppy to be a seeing eye dog.

Average size print. Illustrations by J.C. Kocsis.
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grades 3-9

Armstrong, William H. Sounder. New York, Harper & Row, 1969. 116p.

The story of a poor black family in the American South. The young hero of the story matures as he faces a series of tragic events involving his father and the family dog, Sounder.

Large print. Illustrations by James Barkley.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grades 4-10

Arundel, Jocelyn. Simba of the White Mane. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1958. 125p.

Toki, a small African boy, becomes separated from his safari, and encounters Simba, a legendary lion.

Large print. Many fine authentic illustrations sketched "on location" in Africa by Wesley Dennis.
Comparatively easy vocabulary, but some words and phrases are given in African languages, usually with parenthetical English translation.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grades 4-8

Atwater, Richard and Florence. Mr. Popper's Penguins. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1938. 139p.

When Mr. Popper, a house painter who is fascinated by stories of the Antarctic, receives a penguin as a gift, it marks the beginning of a series of highly amusing adventures for the Popper family.

Larger than average print. Quaint, rather dated illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grades 4-5
Interest Level: Grades 3-7

Balch, Glenn. The Stallion King. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1960. 118p.

A boy sets out to save a wild stallion from being captured and used as a rodeo bronc.

Large print. Numerous black and white illustrations.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grades 4-8

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Baudouy, Michel-Aimé. Bruno, King of the Mountain. New York, Harcourt, Brace, 1960. 158p.

Bruno, the brown bear, is raised as a pet on a mountain farm in the French Pyrennes, until he is stolen by a gang of smugglers who use him as a "cover" for their exploits.

Average size print. Illustrations by Johannes Troyer.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grades 6-7
Interest Level: Grades 5-9

Baudouy, Michel-Aimé. Old One Toe. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World,1957. 190p.

Set in France, this is an enjoyable story of four children and a crafty fox who outwits all his pursuers.

Average size print. Illustrations by Johannes Troyer.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grades 5-9

Benedict, Dorothy. Pagan the Black. Edinburgh, Oliver and Boyd, 1962. 189p.

A wild black horse goes on trial for his life when he kills a man who has threatened two children.

Large print. Illustrations by John Groth.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grades 4-5
Interest Level: Grades 3-9

Black, Irma Simonton. The Troublemaker. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1959. 90p.

Prince, the collie, has to learn to adapt to city life and to behave in a less rambunctious manner than he did in the country.

Large print. Good illustrations by Rita Fava.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grades 3-6

Boshell, Gordon. The Plot Against Buster the Dog. Scarborough, Ontario, Van Nostrand Reinhold Ltd., 1972. 60p.

Slinky Cat's plot to have Buster thrown out of the house is foiled by a friendly tabby cat.

Large print. Illustrations by Pat Dypold.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grades 4-5
Interest Level: Grades 1-6

Brecht, Edith. Timothy's Hawk. New York, Viking, 1965. 78p.

Timothy, a nine-year-old boy who has always lived in the city, is unhappy when he moves to the country with his parents. Gradually, however, he learns to like his new environment, and acquires a new understanding and appreciation of nature.

Larger than average print. Some black and white illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

Brent, Stuart. Mr. Toast and the Secret of Gold Hill. Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott, 1970. 94p.

Mr. Toast the dog proves to be a most valuable companion to his owners during their spring vacation..

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by George Porter.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Byrd, Ernestine N. The Black Wolf of Savage River. Berkeley, California, Parnassus Press, 1959. 159p.

The life story of a wolf as he grows from birth to maturity, facing many dangers in the wilds of Alaska.

Large print. Illustrations by Ruth Robbins.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Carroll, Ruth & Latrobe Carroll. Bumble Pup. New York, Henry Z. Walck, 1968. 32p.

Bumble, a clumsy but endearing puppy, is teased and bullied by the bigger dogs, until he proves he can be useful to them.

Large print. Many fine black and white illustrations.
Almost no words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Coatsworth, Elizabeth. The Cat and the Captain. New York, Macmillan, 1974. 56p.

The cat is mischievous and a troublemaker, but when danger threatens, it is he who saves the day.

Large print. Illustrations by Bernice Loewenstein.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4

DeJong, Meindert. Hurry Home, Candy. New York, Harper & Row, 1953. 244p.

A very touching and appealing story of the adventures of a little stray dog looking for a home.

Large print. Illustrations by Maurice Sendak.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grades 4-9

DeJong, Meindert. The Last Little Cat. New York, Harper & Row, 1961. 66p.

An appealing story of a kitten in search of a home.

Large print. Good illustrations by Jim McMullan.
Easy vocabulary.
Fairly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grades 3-4
Interest Level: Grades 2-6

Erickson, Phoebe. Daniel 'Coon. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1954. 179p.

The story of a pet raccoon adopted by a farm family.

Slightly larger than average print. Very appealing illustrations by the author.
Vocabulary of moderate difficulty.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grades 5-6
Interest Level: Grades 3-9

Estes, Eleanor. Miranda the Great. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World. 80p.

Miranda the cat lives in ancient Rome as the pet of a wealthy Roman family. When Rome is attacked and burned by the barbarian invaders, Miranda organizes rescue operations for many of the cats and kittens in the city.

Large print. Good illustrations by Edward Ardizzone.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grades 3-7

Farley, Walter. The Black Stallion. New York, Random House, 1941. 241p.

The first of a well-known series of adventure stories about a black stallion and the boy who trains him as a race horse.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Keith Ward.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grades 4-9

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Farley, Walter. The Blood Bay Colt. New York, Random House, 1950. 207p.

A blood bay colt, the second son of the famous Black Stallion, wins fame in harness racing.

Average size print. Illustrations by Milton Menasco.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grades 5-6
Interest Level: Grades 4-9

Gage, Wilson. A Wild Goose Tale. Cleveland, World Publishing Co., 1961. 112p.

An accident-prone boy and an equally accident-prone wild goose come together in this amusing story.

Large print. Undistinguished illustrations by Glen Rounds.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grades 3-6

Gall, Alice Crew and Fleming H. Crew. Ringtail. Henry Z. Walck Inc., 1933. 119p.

The story of a young raccoon and his adventures with his family during the course of one year.

Large print. Attractive illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grades 4-5
Interest Level: Grades 2-7

Gipson, Fred. Old Yeller. New York, Harper & Row, 1956. 158p.

The story of a Texas family who at first unwillingly, adopt a big ugly dog, and then discover that the dog has become an indispensable member of the family.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Carl Burger.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grades 5-6
Interest Level: Grades 4-9

Gipson, Fred. Savage Sam. New York, Harper & Row, 1962. 214p.

Savage Sam, the son of Old Yeller, joins his master, Travis Coates, in a grueling pursuit of two children who have been captured by Apaches.

Average size print. Illustrations by Carl Burger.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words
Reading Level: Grades 5-6
Interest Level: Grades 4-9

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Hader, Berta & Elmer. Spunky, The Story of a Shetland Pony. New York, Macmillan, 1933. 90p.

Spunky the pony lives through a series of adventures - working in a coal mine, performing in a circus - and other experiences, until his story comes to a happy ending.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grades 5-6
Interest Level: Grades 1-7

Harter, Walter. The Dog That Smiled. New York, Macmillan, 1965. 102p.

Two children adopt a paralyzed dachshund and nurse it back to health.

Average size print. Charles W. Walker's illustrations capture the warmth and appeal of the story.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grades 5-6
Interest Level: Grades 3-8

Knight, Eric. Lassie Come Home. New York, Holt, Reinhart, and Winston, 1940. 239p.

Lassie, the prize collie of a poor family, is sold to wealthy household when hard times befall her original owners. Rather than stay in her new place, Lassie chooses to make the four hundred mile journey to her first home.

Average size print. Illustrations by Cyrus Le Roy Baldridge.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grades 7-8
Interest Level: Grades 4-9

Lauber, Patricia. Champ, Gallant Collie. New York, Random House, 1960. 61p.

Champ, the sheepdog, never works if he can find an excuse to play and earns himself the name of Clown. When the farm is struck by a flood, however, Champ's courageous actions show he is worthy of his true name.

Large print. Good illustrations by Leonard Shortall.
Easy vocabulary.
Mostly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grades 3-4
Interest Level: Grades 2-7

Levine, Rhoda. He Was There From The Day We Moved In. Harlin Quist, 1968.

A family moving into a new home discover that a large English sheepdog comes with the house.

Large print. Illustrations by Edward Gorey.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grades 2-3
Interest Level: Grades 1-3

L'Hommedieu. Dorothy K. Rusty, The Little Red Dachshund. London, Robert Hale Ltd., 1947. 56p.

Rusty and three companions, a rooster, a duck, and a rabbit set out to find the sea, and find more adventures than they had bargained for.

Large print. Illustrations by Marguerite Kirmse.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grades 3-4
Interest Level: Grades 1-5

L'Hommedieu, Dorothy K. Scampy, The Little Black Cocker. London, Robert Hale Ltd., 1947. 64p.

Scampy, a cocker spaniel puppy, manages to escape from his mother so that he can go and see life for himself.

Large print. Illustrations by Marguerite Kirmse.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4

London, Jack. White Fang. New York, Macmillan, 1934. 329p.

A powerful story of how a savage animal, part wolf, part dog, is gradually won over to the world of man-trained beasts.

Slightly larger than average print.
Vocabulary may present difficulties to some readers.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grades 8-9
Interest Level: Grades 6-10

Mason, Miriam E. A Pony Called Lightening. New York, Macmillan, 1948. 143p.

The story of a pony who loved to out-run everything and anything that travelled faster than he did.

Large print. Illustrations by C.W. Anderson.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grades 3-4
Interest Level: Grades 2-6

Merrill, Jean. The Superlative Horse. New York, William R. Scott Inc., 1961. 79p.

In ancient China a young boy earns the position and honour of selecting horses for the stable of a duke.

Large print. Illustrations by Ronni Solbert.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words
Reading Level: Grades 4-5
Interest Level: Grades 2-6

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Miller, Albert G. Silver Chief's Big Game Trail. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1961. 191p.

Silver Chief, the Eskimo husky, aids the R.C.M.P. in tracking a dangerous murderer. This title is an addition to the series begun by the late Jack O'Brien.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Kurt Wiese
Vocabulary of average difficulty.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9

Montgomery, Rutherford C. Carcajou. Caldwell, Idaho, Caxton Printers Ltd., 1964. 263p.

The adventures of Carcajou, a ferocious wolverine, and his encounters with a young Indian trapper who owns a pet grizzly bear named Mister Jim.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by L.D. Cram.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grades 6-7
Interest Level: Grades 5-9

Moskin, Marietta D. Toto. New York, Coward, McCann and Geohagen, 1971.

Toto the elephant is caught in a trap but is rescued by Suku, a timid boy who must overcome his fear of the bush to lead Toto back home.

Large print. Illustrations by Rocco Negri.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4

Newberry, Clare Turlay. Frosty. New York, Harper & Row, 1961. 92p.

Felice Romero longs for a puppy and is disappointed when her parents bring her a full grown Alaskan Malamute. Gradually Felice comes to love Frosty, the giant dog, particularly after he rescues a lost child.

Large print. Attractive illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grades 2-7

O'Brien, Jack. Silver Chief, Dog of the North. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1961. 218p.

Silver Chief, a wild dog of the Canadian Northwest, is tamed by a Mountie whom he aids in capturing a murder suspect.

Average size print. Illustrations by Kurt Wiese.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9

Read, Brian. A Friend For Anna. London, Lutterworth Press, 1966. 69p.

Anna, living with her grandfather in the country, is lonely until she receives a black and white rabbit, Tibba, as a pet. When Tibba spoils Grandfather's vegetables, Anna and Tibba run away, but all ends happily.

Large print. Good illustrations by Philip Gough.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grades 3-4
Interest Level: Grades 2-7

Reynolds, Barbara Leonard. Pepper. New York, Scribner's, 1952. 169p.

The adventures of a boy and his mischievous pet raccoon.

Large print. Delightful illustrations by Barbara Cooney.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grades 4-5
Interest Level: Grades 1-9

Rounds, Glen. The Blind Colt. New York, Holiday House, 1960. 86p.

A very moving story of a colt, born blind, who manages to survive in a band of wild horses, and is later tamed by a boy to be his "Sunday horse".

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grades 4-5
Interest Level: Grades 2-8

Rounds, Glen. Stolen Pony. New York, Holiday House, 1948. 154p.

This sequel to The Blind Colt tells how the colt, having been stolen and turned loose by horse thieves, is led home on a long, lonely journey by the dog who had trailed him from the ranch.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grades 4-5
Interest Level: Grades 2-9

Salten, Felix. Bambi. New York, Grosset and Dunlap, 1929. 293p.

The classic story of a deer's growth from birth to maturity. Its appeal is timeless.

Larger than average print. Some illustrations by Kurt Wiese.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grades 4-9

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Seager, Joan. The Vengeance of Wol. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1966. 124p.

Wol, the pet owl of 13-year-old Jeff Hobson, becomes a key figure in a mystery involving teen-age hoodlums, a kidnapping, and a mad scientist.

Rather small print. Illustrations by Douglas Johnston.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9

Terhune, Albert Payson. Lad: A Dog. New York, Dutton, 1959. 286p.

The dramatic adventures of a thoroughbred collie.

Average size print. Illustrations by Sam Savitt.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Unkelbach, Kurt. The Dog Who Never Knew. New York, Four Winds Press, 1968. 127p.

An appealing story of a girl who trains her dog to become a champion in obedience trials, in spite of the fact that the dog is blind in one eye.

Small print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grades 6-10

Waldeck, Theodore J. The White Panther. New York, Viking, 1941. 193p.

The adventures of Ku-ma, a legendary white panther in the jungles of South America.

Slightly larger than average print. Excellent illustrations by Kurt Wiese.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grades 5-6
Interest Levels: Grades 5-10

Whipple, Dorothy. Mrs. Puss and That Kitten. London, Lutterworth Press, 1967. 63p.

Mrs. Puss, the cat, is very contented until her owner brings home a new kitten who proves to be quite mischievous. Later, when Mrs. Puss rescues the kitten from a dangerous situation, she makes an important discovery.

Large print. Good illustrations by Georgette Apol.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grades 4-5
Interest Level: Grades 2-6

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White, Anne H. Junket, The Dog Who Liked Everything "Just So". New York, Viking, 1955. 184p.

Junket, the dog, knows how to live in the country, but the family to whom he belongs don't adapt well to farm life, until Junket teaches them a lesson.

Average size print. Good illustrations by Robert McClosky.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grades 5-6
Interest Level: Grades 3-7

White, Anne H. The Story of Serapina. New York, Viking, 1951. 128p.

Serapina is a most unusual cat who adopts the Salinus family and is particularly successful in looking after the children - even reminding them when it is time to wash, to practice their piano lessons, or go to bed.

Average size print. Amusing illustrations by Tony Palazzo.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grades 5-6
Interest Level: Grades 3-6

Wojciechowska, Maia. A Kingdom in a Horse. New York, Harper & Row, 1965. 143p.

An appealing story of a thirteen-year-old boy and a beautiful chestnut brown mare.

Larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grades 6-7
Interest Level: Grades 5-9

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Byron, Gilbert. Chesapeake Duke. Chicago, Rand McNally & Co., 1965. 180p.

The adventures of two boys and a Chesapeake Bay retriever dog.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Emil Weiss.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grades 4-9

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Alexander, Lloyd. The Cat Who Wished To Be A Man. New York, Dutton, 1973. 107p.

A delightful fantasy in a historical setting. Lionel the cat has his request to become a man granted by his master who is a magician. The story tells of Lionel's amusing adventures in his human form.

Large print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 2-7

Asimov, Isaac. Foundation. New York, Doubleday, 1951. 227p.

The first volume of a science fiction trilogy. In the distant future, as the Galactic Empire begins to crumble, a group of scientists set up a colony to form the nucleus of a Second Empire.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Asimov, Isaac. Foundation and Empire. New York, Doubleday, 1952. 227p.

The second volume of the Foundation trilogy.
The colony emerges as a state strong enough to defeat the decrepit First Empire.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Asimov, Isaac. Second Foundation. New York, Doubleday, 1953. 225p.

The final volume of the Foundation trilogy.
A secretly evolved second colony struggles with the threat of a mutant who has the power to become dictator of the whole Galactic Empire.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Asimov, Isaac. Fantastic Voyage. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1966. 239p.

A team of scientists and a special submarine are miniaturized and injected into a man's bloodstream in order to perform a vital brain operation.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

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Baum, L. Frank. The Wizard of Oz. New York, Grosset & Dunlap, 1944. 200p.

The famous story of Dorothy who is swept away by a cyclone to a fantasy world where she has many adventures with her companions, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, and, of course, Toto, the dog.

Large print. Illustrations by Evelyn Copelman.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-7

Austin, Margot. Gabriel Churchkitten. New York, Dutton, 1942.

Gabriel and his friends, Peter Churchmouse and Trumpet the pup devise a plan to prevent Parson Pease-Porridge from walking in his sleep.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Austin, Margot. Peter Churchmouse. New York, Dutton, 1941. 40p.

Peter Churchmouse is so hungry that he even eats hymn books, until friend Gabriel, the kitten, helps to find a solution to Peter's problems.

Large print. Appealing black and white illustrations by the author.
Few words longer than two syllables. Few long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-3

Averill, Esther. The Cat Club. New York, Harper & Row, 1944. 32p.

Jenny Linsky, the little black orphan cat, becomes a member of the exclusive Cat Club by showing her ability as an ice-skater.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 2
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3

Averil, Esther. The School for Cats. New York, Harper & Row, 1947. 32p.

Jenny Linsky goes to a boarding school for cats and wins the friendship of everyone - even Pickles, the school bully.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 2-3
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3

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Bailey, Carolyn Sherwin. Finnegan 11. His Nine Lives. New York, Viking, 1953. 96p.

Much of the charm of this book stems from the fact that the reader sees life through the eyes of the feline hero who, in a series of hair-raising adventures, lives through nine lives and looks forward to more excitement.

Large print. Attractive black and white illustrations by Kate Seredy.
Vocabulary may be too demanding for some readers.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 2-8

Barber, Antonia. The Ghosts. London, Jonathan Cape, 1969. 190p.

While staying at a house that is reputedly haunted, James and Lucy Allen meet the ghosts of two children from the past and travel back with them on the Wheel of Time.

Small print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Beachcroft, Nina. Under the Enchanter. London, Heinemann, 1974. 121p.

When her young brother Andrew falls under the spell of an enchanter - the sinister Mr. Strange - Laura Hearst needs all her courage and intelligence to save both Andrew and herself.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Bell, Diana Frances. The Rebels of Journey's End. London, Hutchinson, 1966. 119p.

Rikiki, the cat; Rufus, the mouse, Oscar, the chipmunk, and a little girl by the name of Donna, come together in a deserted house to fight Joe Fingers, the leader of the mouse underworld.

Fairly large print. Amusing and whimsical illustrations by Douglas Hall.
Comparatively easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

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Benary-Isbert, Margot. The Wicked Enchantment. New York, Harcourt, Brace, and World, 1955. 181p.

Strange events occur suddenly in the peaceful cathedral town of Vogelsang.

What caused the mysterious disappearance of two of the cathedral statues? Why did the Mayor try to trap the songbirds that were welcomed each spring by the townspeople? Why was the sale of Easter eggs suddenly forbidden? Humor, suspense, and skillful characterization are all present in this story of a wicked tyrant and an evil spell.

Average size print. Attractive if somewhat overly detailed illustrations by Enrico Arno.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Bennett, Anna Elizabeth. Little Witch. Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott, 1953. 128p.

A delightful fantasy about Minikin Snickasnee (Minx for short), the daughter of Madam Snickasnee, the witch. When nine year old Minx defies her mother's wishes and goes to school, life becomes exciting for many people.

Large print. Pleasant, if undistinguished illustrations by Helen Stone.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Beowulf retold by Rosemary Sutcliff. London, Bodley Head, 1961. 93p.

A retelling in prose of the great Anglo-Saxon poem which describes Beowulf's three great battles - with the monster, Grendel, with the Sea-Woman, and with the Fire-Drake.

Large print. Illustrations by Charles Keeping.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-8

Berry, James R. Mr Tellum: Stranger from a Distant Planet. New York, Walker and Co., 1973. 64p.

Ralph Winston makes contact with a strange plant-like creature from another planet who is able to solve a major world crisis.

Large print. Illustrations by E. Scull.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

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Berton, Pierre. The Secret World of Og. Toronto, McLelland & Stewart, 1961. 146p.

The hilarious adventures of five children and a dog who discover an underground passage to the world of Og, a place inhabited by a population of small green hostile beings.

Average size print. Amusing illustrations by William Winter.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Beskow, Katja. The Astonishing Adventures of Patrick the Mouse. New York, Delacorte Press, 1967. 84p.

Patrick is the youngest mouse in a family of eighteen brothers and sisters. One day, on his way to visit his grandmother, Patrick meets a magician who invites him to help with his act, and thus begins a series of amazing adventures.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Ylva Källström-Eklund.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Bianco, Margery Williams. Poor Cecco. London, André Deutsch, 1973. 146p.

Two toys, Cecco the wooden dog and Bulka the rag puppy, set out to see the world, and have many adventures along the way.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Anthony Maitland.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Biemiller, Carl L. The Hydronauts. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1970. 131p.

An imaginative novel of life in the future. Nuclear wars have melted most of the polar ice caps and the earth's surface is more than 80% covered with water. Earth's civilization continues, but beneath the surface of the oceans.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-12

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Biggle, Lloyd, Jr. All the Colors of Darkness. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1963. 210p.

A science fiction suspense story which centers around a matter transmission system which can instantaneously transport people from terminals in the United States to any major cities in foreign countries. Private detective Jan Darzek is called in when two women fail to arrive at their destinations and cannot be traced.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-12

Biro, Val. Gumdrop: The Adventures of a Vintage Car. Leicester, Brockhampton Press, 1966.

After belonging to several different owners, Gumdrop, a 1926 Austin Clifton Twelve-Four, wins first prize at a vintage car rally.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Blish, James. Mission to the Heart Stars. New York, Putnam, 1965. 158p.

In this science-fantasy, three Earthmen travel on a diplomatic mission to the Heart Stars, rulers of the planetary federation.

Larger than average print.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 8
Interest Level: Grade 6-12

Bond, Michael. Here Comes Thursday. London, George G. Harrap, 1966. 126p.

Thursday is a mouse who literally descends, via balloon, on a family of mice who adopt him. Thursday's desire to help everyone leads him to attempt the rescue of a cuckoo from a cuckoo clock, and the transformation of his hosts' grocery business into a supermarket - with disasterous results.

Average size print. Attractive illustrations by Daphne Rowles.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

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Bond, Michael. Olga Meets Her Match. Harmondsworth, Middlesex, Longman Young Books, 1973. 128p.

Olga da Polga, the guinea pig, meets Boris, another guinea pig, who claims to be a Russian prince and who can tell even taller tales than Olga.

Large print. Illustrations by Hans Helweg.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Bond, Michael. Paddington Goes to Town. London, Collins, 1968. 125p.

In this volume, Paddington the bear's adventures include being an usher at a wedding, caddying at a golf tournament and being mistaken for a medical student.

Average size print. Illustrations by Peggy Fortnum.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Bond, Michael. Paddington on Top. London, Collins, 1974. 124p.

Among other things, Paddington the bear goes to school, tries his luck as a vacuum cleaner salesman, and makes brave attempts at rugby and water-skiing.

Average size print. Illustrations by Peggy Fortnum.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Bradbury, Ray. The Illustrated Man. New York, Doubleday, 1951. 252p.

Twenty outstanding science-fiction stories by an outstanding writer.

Average size print.
Vacabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9
Interest Level: Grade 6-12

Bradbury, Ray. Something Wicked This Way Comes. New York, Simon & Schuster, 1962. 317p.

This novel of fantasy describes the strange and horrifying events that occur when a mysterious carnival, complete with black pennants and a carousel that runs backwards, visits a small town.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 6-12

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Bro, Margueritte Harmon. How the Mouse Deer Became King. New York, Doubleday, 1966. 127p.

The tiny mouse deer is the traditional folk-hero of Indonesia. This collection of eleven stories shows how he became king of the jungle.

Large print. Illustrations by Joseph Low.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Brooks, Walter. Freddy the Cowboy. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1950. 233p.

This book is one of a series of adventures of Freddy, the pig from the Bean farm where all the animals can talk. Freddy becomes involved with the villainous owner of a dude ranch and some hilarious adventures ensue.

Large print. Amusing illustrations by Kurt Wiese.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

Burman, Ben Lucien. Blow a Wild Bugle for Catfish Bend. New York, Lapplinger Publishing Co., 1967. 120p.

The animals from Catfish Bend travel to the marsh country near New Orleans to help their friends resist an invasion by coyotes.

Large print. Illustrations by Alice Caddy.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Butterworth, Oliver. The Enormous Egg. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1956. 188p.

On the Twitchell farm, a baby dinosaur hatches out of an enormous egg.

Average size print. Illustrations by Louis Darling.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-7

Butterworth, Oliver. The Trouble with Jenny's Ear. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1960. 275p.

Strange and amusing developments occur when six-year-old Jenny Pearson becomes able to hear sounds that no one else can.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Julian de Miskey.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-8

Cameron, Eleanor. The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1954. 214p.

Accompanied by two boys, Mr. Tyco Bass, inventor, astronomer, artist, and mushroom grower flies to the small planet, Basidium.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Robert Henneberger.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

Carlson, Natalie Savage. Alphonse, That Bearded One. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1954. 78p.

This enjoyable tall tale has a French Canadian setting. Captured as a cub in New France, Alphonse the bear is trained by his master to impersonate a soldier. When recruits are needed to fight the Iroquois, Alphonse is drafted instead of his master.

Large print. Amusing illustrations.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

Caufield, Don & Joan. The Incredible Detective. New York, Harper & Row, 1966. 76p.

When a small boy is kidnapped, a trio of detectives consisting of Reginald the bulldog, Madame Cheng, the Siamese cat, and Hennessy, the crow, sets out to solve the case.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Kiyo Komoda.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Christopher, John. Beyond the Burning Lands. New York, Macmillan, 1971. 170p.

The second volume of a science-fiction trilogy, Prince Luke journeys to a city beyond the Burning Lands where he kills a hideous monster, and is betrothed to the king's daughter.

Average size print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 23 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

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Christopher, John. The Lotus Caves. New York, Macmillan, 1969. 154p.

A science-fiction story, set in the future when the moon has been colonized. Life for earth people is made as normal as possible in an artificially created atmosphere encased in a bubble. Two boys, born and raised in the bubble, decide to explore outside, and discover a series of caves created by a plant with intelligence supporting the life of an earthling long-believed dead.

Average size print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 26 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Christopher, John. The Prince in Waiting. New York, Macmillan, 1970. 182p.

The first volume of a science-fiction trilogy. In the twenty-first century machine-age society has been destroyed by violent earthquakes. People live as they did in medieval times. In the city of Winchester, thirteen-year-old Prince Luke becomes a pawn in a struggle for power.

Average size print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 19 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Christopher, John. The Sword of the Spirits. New York, Macmillan, 1972.

The third and final volume of a science-fiction trilogy. Having killed his half-brother, Prince Luke ascends the throne of Winchester, but his reign is doomed to chaos and disaster.

Average size print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 22 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Christopher, John. The White Mountains. New York, Macmillan, 1967. 184p.

Set in the future, this science-fiction novel concerns the efforts of three boys to escape from the Tripods who control the world, and who implant steel caps in the skulls of all fourteen-year-olds to render them docile.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

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Church, Richard. The French Lieutenant. London, Heinemann, 1971. 153p.

Thirteen-year-old Robert Bostock moves with his family to a farmhouse near a haunted castle. Although he does not believe in ghosts, he encounters a terrifying apparition.

Average size print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Clarke, Arthur C. Islands in the Sky. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1952. 209p.

In the middle of the twenty-first century, young Roy Malcolm spends several adventurous weeks on a space station five hundred miles above the earth.

Slightly larger than average print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Cockett, Mary. The Rainbow Walk. Toronto, Burke, 1973. 64p.

On her way to her grandmother's house, Jane has several interesting adventures.

Large print. Illustrations by Prudence Seward.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 2
Interest Level: Grade 1-3

Collodi, C. The Adventures of Pinocchio. New York, Macmillan, 1966. 192p.

The classic story of the adventures of a mischievous wooden puppet who comes to life.

Large print. Excellent illustrations, both black and white and color, by Naiad Einsel.
The vocabulary may prove demanding in some places for those with reading difficulties, but there are not many cases where this applies in the book.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

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Cooper, Susan. The Dark Is Rising. New York, Atheneum, 1973. 216p.

In this sequel to Over Sea, Under Stone, eleven-year-old Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, immortals dedicated throughout the ages to keeping the world from domination by the forces of evil. He is plunged into a quest for six magical signs that will one day aid the old ones in the final battle between the Dark and the Light.

Small print. Illustrations by Alan E. Cober.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Cooper, Susan. Over Sea, Under Stone. London, Jonathan Cape, 1965. 252p.

Three children find a treasure map which leads them into deadly danger from ancient forces of evil which are threatening the world.

Small print. Illustrations by Margery Gill.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Cresswell, Helen. The Bongleweed. London, Faber & Faber, 1973. 157p.

A family plant some strange seeds from which grows a beautiful flowering plant. The only problem is that the plant starts to spread all over the whole countryside, and no one seems to know how to stop it.

Large print. Illustrations by Ann Strugnell.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Cresswell, Helen. The Night-Watchmen. London, Faber & Faber, 1969. 146p.

Henry is fascinated by two mysterious shabbily-dressed strangers whom he meets in the park. When he tries to learn more about them, he is lead into an intriguing adventure.

Large print. Illustrations by Gareth Floyd.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Dahl, Roald. Fantastic Mr. Fox. New York, Alfred A. Knopf,1970. 62p.

Mr. Fox outwits three villainous farmers and provides a magnificient feast for his family and friends.

Large print. Very amusing illustrations by Donald Chaffin.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

De Jong, Meindert. The Big Goose and the Little White Duck. New York, Harper & Row, 1938. 169p.

Plenty of entertainment, humour, and even suspense in the story of the adventures of two farmyard pets. The goose becomes a hero and saves himself from being roasted after a series of amusing episodes.

Large print. Some full page illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

del Rey, Lester. Outpost of Jupiter. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1963. 191p.

Eighteen-year-old Bob Wilson and his biochemist father land on Ganymede, a satellite of Jupiter where they face two problems: Communication with the inhabitants of Jupiter who have no language as humans know it; and finding an antidote for a deadly plague which threatens the population of the Earth colony on Ganymede.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 6-11

Dick Whittington and His Cat. London, Faber & Faber, 1967.

The legend of the poor country boy to whom the church bells promised that he would become Lord Mayor of London.

Large print. Illustrations by Alan Howard.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 2-5

Dickens, Charles. The Magic Fishbone. Vanguard Press, 1953. 36p.

A little-known but delightful fairy tale by a famous and popular author. Princess Alicia has problems. Her parents are not rich, her mother has become ill, and she has eighteen brothers and sisters to look after. Alicia manages to cope with all these problems without resorting to using the magic fishbone - a special gift from the good fairy, Grandmarina. When Alicia finally does make a wish on the fishbone, her rewards are greater than she ever expected.

Large print. Outstanding illustrations by Louis Slobodkin.
Dicken's style may present some difficulties to some readers.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

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Durrell, Gerald. The Talking Parcel. London, Collins, 1974. 190p.

Three children on holiday in Greece meet a parrot and a spider who have been driven out of Mythologia, the land of mythical animals. The children agree to accompany Parrot back to Mythologia to help the animals overthrow the Cockatrices who have seized the country.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Eager, Edward. Half Magic. New York, Harcourt, Brace Jovanovich, 1954. 217p.

Four children who are always wishing for adventures to happen to them find their wishes coming spectacularly true when they find an unusual coin that has strange powers.

Average size print. Illustrations by N.M. Bodecker.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-8

Engdahl, Sylvia Louise. Enchantress from the Stars. New York, Atheneum, 1970. 271p.

An unusual science fiction story. Elana, a student of interplanetary anthropology, lands on the planed Andrecia and becomes involved in trying to save the people from the Imperial forces from another planet.

Small print. Illustrations by Rodney Shackell.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 28 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level; Grade 7-10

Estes, Eleanor. The Witch Family. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1960. 186p.

A pleasant fantasy, relating the adventures of two little girls, Amy and Clarissa, and Malachi the magic bumblebee with the wicked Old Witch, the Little Witch Girl, and Weeny Witch, the baby.

Average size print. Good illustrations by Edward Ardizzone.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-8

Feagles, Anita. Casey, the Utterly Impossible Horse. New York, Young Scott Books, 1960. 96p.

Casey the talking horse makes life interesting for the Bradford family when he decides to move in with them.

Large print. Amusing illustrations by Dagmar Wilson.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Fleischman, Sid. The Ghost in the Noonday Sun. London, Hamish Hamilton, 1965. 157p.

Young Oliver Finch, who reputedly has supernatural powers, is kidnapped and forced to lead a pirate crew to a hidden treasure buried in a coffin.

Large print. Illustrations by Fritz Wegner.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Frank, Pat. Alas, Babylon. Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott,Co., 1959. 254p.

When the people of a Florida town are left as the survivors of a nuclear attack, they discover that they must return to the way of life of their pioneer ancestors.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

Gage, Wilson. Miss Osborne - the - Mop. Cleveland, World Publishing Co., 1963. 156p.

Eleven-year-old Dill Tracy doesn't like having his cousin Jody spending a month's holiday with him, until he discovers Jody's magical powers - such as being able to transform a cat into a tiger, or dust mop into a living creature that looks very like Jody's teacher, Miss Osborne.

Average size print. Some illustrations by Paul Goldone.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Gibson, Katharine. Cinders. New York, David McKay Co., 1939. 133p.

An enjoyable fantasy about Cinders, Cinderella's coachman whom the fairy godmother forgot to change back into a mouse.

Large print. Attractive illustrations by Vera Bock.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 2-5

Godden, Rumer. Candy Floss. London, Macmillan, 1965. 64p.

Candy Floss is a doll who brings luck to her owners until she becomes the possession of Clementina Davenport, a spoiled, rich girl.

Large print. Attractive illustrations by Adrienne Adams.
Easy vocabulary.
Few long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 1-5

Godden, Rumer. Mouse House. London, Macmillan, 1964. 63p.

The mice have many problems, being overcrowded in their home in an old flowerpot, until the youngest mouse discovers a wonderful new house for the family.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by Adrienne Adams.
Easy vocabulary.
Fairly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-5

Godden, Rumer. The Mousewife. London, Macmillan, 1963. 40p.

A simple but touching story of a mouse who frees a captive dove.

Larger than average print. Appealing illustrations by William Pène du Bois.
Easy vocabulary.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 1-5

Godden, Rumer. The Story of Holly and Ivy. London, Macmillan, 1959. 64p.

An appealing story of a little orphan girl, Ivy, who has no relatives to visit at Christmas, and a lonely doll, Holly, who desperately wants someone to buy her for Christmas.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by Adrienne Adams.
Easy vocabulary.
Fairly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-5

Grahame, Kenneth. The Reluctant Dragon. Holiday House. 58p.

Kenneth Grahame's comic classic about a small boy who befriends a dragon who prefers writing poetry to fighting St. George.

Large print. Pleasant and whimsical illustrations by Ernest H. Shepard.
Grahame's vocabulary and style may be too difficult for some readers, but the delightful humour of the story should hold the attention of most.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 2-7

Higdon, Hal. The Horse That Played Center Field. New York, Holt, Rinehart, & Winston, 1968. 118p.

A horse with amazing powers becomes the star player on a baseball team.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Higham, Geoffrey. Doctor Prickleback. London, Blackie, n.d. 48p.

After accidentally wrecking Dr. Prickleback's surgery, Billie Fluffytail puts on a variety concert to pay for the damage.

Large print. Excellent colour illustrations.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Higham, Geoffrey. The Golden Acorn. London, Blackie, n.d. 48p.

Bobby Bushytail, the squirrel, outsmarts Ferdy Fox and wins the Golden Acorn, the prize for finding the largest acorn during the nutting season.

Large print. Fine colour illustrations.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Higham, Geoffrey. House for Sale. London, Blackie, n.d. 47p.

Billie and Bunty Fluffytail, the rabbit children, set out to have a picnic and end up by acquiring a beautiful new home for themselves and their mother.

Large print. Very appealing colour illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Hill, Elizabeth Starr. Master Mike and the Miracle Maid. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1967. 110p.

Thanks to hypnosis by her Uncle Mike, Penny Potter, an ordinary girl, is able to become Miracle Maid, a superhuman being who combats the forces of crime. Penny does not really enjoy her role, however, and wants to return to her original self.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 3-10

Hoke, Helen, ed. Weirdies. London, Franklin Watts Ltd., 1973. 242p.

A collection of stories (and some poems) about supernatural beings and events.

Large print. Illustrations by Charles Keeping.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 5-12

Hollister, Warren and Judith Pike. The Moons of Meer. New York, Henry Z. Walck, 1969. 210p.

Two children find themselves in the strange kingdom of Meer which is ruled by the wicked Scarlet Sorceress, whom they must help to overthrow.

Small print. Illustrations by Richard Lebenson.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Hoover, H.M. Children of Morrow. New York, Four Winds Press, 1973. 229p.

In a world of the future, two children who have powers of mental telepathy are forced to flee from the village in which they live and set out on a dangerous journey which will finally lead them to safety.

Larger than average print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Houston, James. Kiviok's Magic Journey. Don Mills, Ontario, Longman, 1973.

Kiviok, an Eskimo folk hero, goes in search of his wife and children who have been kidnapped by a giant raven.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Hughes, Richard. Gertrude's Child. Harlin Quist, 1966. 42p.

Gertrude the wooden doll runs away from the little girl who owns and mistreats her, and has some strange adventures.

Large print. Illustrations by Rick Schreiter.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Huxley, Aldous. Brave New World. New York, Harper & Row, 1946. 311p.

The classic novel of what life might be like in a Utopia of the future, described with brilliance and humour.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

Ingram, Tom. The Night Rider. Scarsdale, New York, Bradbury Press, 1975. 176p.

Laura finds a strange antique gold bracelet which enables her to travel back in time, but a curse on the bracelet places her in great danger.

Small print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Juster, Norton. The Phantom Tollbooth. New York, Random House, 1965. 256p.

Milo, a boy who is always wishing for something to do, finds his way through the Phantom Tollbooth to the strange land of Dictionopolis where he encounters many unusual people and has several amusing adventures.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Jules Feiffer.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Julian, Nancy R. The Peculiar Miss Pickett. New York, Scholastic Book Services, 1951. 91p.

Miss Pickett is a remarkable babysitter with supernatural powers. This book will appeal to Mary Poppins fans, although it does not approach the standard of that classic.

Average size print. Many illustrations but of poor quality.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Kendall, Carol. The Gammage Cup. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1959. 221p.

An amusing fantasy about the Minnipins, a race of people who live in an isolated mountain valley, and whose existence is peaceful until they are threatened by attack from their ancient enemies, the Mushrooms or Hairless Ones.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 8

Laughlin, Florence. The Little Leftover Witch. New York, Macmillan, 1960. 107p.

Felina, the little witch, is stranded when her broomstick breaks on Halloween. She is forced to spend a year with an ordinary family until next Halloween comes. During the year, many amusing events occur, and some surprising things take place in Felina.

Large print. Good illustrations by Sheila Greenwald.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Laurence, Margaret. Jason's Quest. Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1970. 211p.

The ancient mole city of Molanium is dying and the molefolk are suffering from an invisible sickness which makes them weary all the time. Accompanied by Oliver the owl, and two cats, Topaz and Calico, Jason, a young mole, sets out to find a cure for his people.

Large print. Illustrations by Staffan Torell.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 2-7

Lawson, Robert. Mr. Twigg's Mistake. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1947. 142p.

A box of experimental vitamins turns a tiny mole into a creature as big as a bear, and causes plenty of excitement for the Appleton family.

Large print. Good illustrations by the author.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 3-8

Lazarus, Keo Felker. The Tismo. Chicago, Follett Publishing Co., 1970. 126p.

Two boys find a mysterious object which they attach to their crystal radio set, and discover that they can communicate with men from another planet.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Leonard Shortall.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

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Lee, Robert C. The Iron Arm of Michael Glenn. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1965. 153p.

Twelve-year-old Mike Glenn's meeting with Professor Von Heiner leaves Mike with the strongest left arm in the world. He is soon in great demand as a baseball pitcher, with offers coming even from professional teams.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Al Fiorentino.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Lewis, C.S. The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. London, Geoffrey Bles, 1950. 173p.

A wardrobe proves to be the magic door to the fantasy kingdom of Narnia where four children meet with strange adventures. This title is the first in the "Chronicles of Narnia" series.

Larger than average size print. Illustrations by Pauline Baynes.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 3-9

Lewis, C.S. Prince Caspian. London, Geoffrey Bles, 1951. 195p.

In this sequel to The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, the four children return to Narnia where they find a war in progress. The animals and trees have been banished and seek the aid of the children against their wicked ruler.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Pauline Baynes.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Lewis, C.S. The Voyage of the Dawn Treader. London, Geoffrey Bles, 1952. 223p.

In this continuation of the Narnia chronicles, Edmund, Lucy, and their cousin Eustace share adventures aboard the good ship, Dawn Treader.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Pauline Baynes.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

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Lewis, C.S. The Silver Chair. London, Geoffrey Bles, 1953. 217p.

Jill Pole is carried off by magic from her school in England to the Castle of Cair Paravel. Together with Eustace Scrubb (who appeared in The Voyage of Dawn Treader) she shares adventures in Narnia and beyond.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Pauline Baynes.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Lewis, C.S. The Horse and His Boy. London, Geoffrey Bles, 1954. 199p.

The adventures of Shasta, the fisherman's son, and Bree, the horse, as they escape from the cruel country of Colormen and make the long journey to Narnia.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Pauline Baynes.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Lewis, C.S. The Magician's Nephew. London, Bodley Head, 1955. 183p.

This volume of the Narnia series goes back to the beginning of Narnia time to explain some of the mysteries of this enchanted country.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Pauline Baynes.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Lewis, C.S. The Last Battle. London, Bodley Head, 1956. 184p.

Jill Pole and Eustace Scrubb come to the aid of the King of Narnia at a time of grave danger.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Pauline Baynes.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 28 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Lewis, C.S. Out of the Silent Planet. London, Bodley Head, 1938. 182p.

An outstanding science-fiction adventure. The hero, Dr. Elwin Ransom, is kidnapped and taken to Mars where he has many surprising adventures.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

Lewis, C.S. Perelandra. London, The Bodley Head, 1943. 256p.

The second volume of Lewis's science-fiction trilogy. Ransom, the hero, is transported to the planet, Perelandra, where in a setting of great beauty he is involved in a conflict between good and evil.
N.B. In some editions, this book is entitled Voyage to Venus.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 6-12

Lewis, C.S. That Hideous Strength. London, The Bodley Head, 1945. 476p.

The final volume of Lewis's science-fiction trilogy.
Dr. Ransom, having returned to Earth after his interplanetary adventures uses his newly acquired powers to defend the world against a startling danger.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Lightner, A.M. Star Dog. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1973. 179p.

The sighting of a UFO and the discovery of a strange six-footed animal involve Holton Dane in a biological mystery in this well-written science-fiction story.

Large print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 6-12

Lindgren, Astrid. Pippi Longstocking. New York, Viking, 1950. 158p.

The amusing adventures of a nine-year-old Swedish girl who is supernaturally strong.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Louis S. Glanzman.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Milne, A.A. The House at Pooh Corner. McLelland & Stewart, 1928. 180p.

Further adventures of Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore and all the other wonderful characters from Winnie-the-Pooh.

Slightly larger than average print. Outstanding illustrations by Ernest H. Shepard.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Milne, A.A. Prince Rabbit and The Princess Who Could Not Laugh. Toronto, McClelland & Stewart, 1966. 72p.

Two original and amusing fairy tales by the author of Winnie-the-Pooh.

Large print. Illustrations by Mary Shepard.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 5

Milne, A.A. Winnie-the-Pooh. McClelland & Stewart, 1925. 161p.

Milne's stories of Christopher Robin and his toy animal friends coupled with Ernest H. Shepard's illustrations are enormously appealing and frequently hilarious.

Larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary and sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Nash, Mary. Mrs. Coverlet's Magicians. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1961. 189p.

Mrs. Coverlet, the housekeeper for the Persever family, goes to New York leaving the children in the care of Miss Eva Penalty. Toad, the youngest Persever, dislikes Miss Penalty, and decides to do something about the situation with the aid of his Do-It-Yourself Book of Practical Witchcraft.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Garrett Price.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Nesbit, E. The Magician's Heart. London, Hamish Hamilton, 1971. 86p.

Professor Taykin has become a wicked magician, and has succeeded in making Prince Fortunatus the stupidest prince in the world, and Princess Aura the ugliest princess. The prince and princess prove, however, that even the strongest spells are not unbreakable.

Large print. Illustrations by John Lawrence.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 2-5

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Norton, Andre. Key Out of Time. Cleveland World Publishing Co., 1963. 224p.

A science-fiction adventure in which two astronauts visiting the deserted planet, Hawaika, are transported back in time to the mysterious ocean civilization which once occupied the planet.

(Andre Norton is well-known for many science-fiction novels suitable for junior high readers.)

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Norton, Mary. Bedknob and Broomsticks. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1957. 189p.

The adventures of the three Wilson children and their friend, Miss Price, who is studying to be a witch.

Average size print. Illustrations by Erik Blegvad.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Nourse, Alan E. The Universe Between. New York, David McKay Co., 1965. 208p.

In the year 2017, a seventeen-year-old boy and a scientist embark on an ambitious project to make contact with the Thresholders, a mysterious and possibly dangerous race who inhabit a universe parallel to our own.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 6-12

Parrish, Anne. Floating Island. New York, Harper & Row, 1930. 256p.

A delightful fantasy about a family of dolls who are cast away on a tropical island.

Large print. Attractive illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Pearce, Philippa. Mrs. Cockle's Cat. Toronto, Longman Canada Ltd., 1961. 32p.

Mrs. Cockle, a balloon-seller in London, loses her cat, Peter, but one day, however, the wind carries her and her balloons off to the seaside where she and Peter are reunited.

Large print. Illustrations by Antony Maitland.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 2-5

Pearce, Philippa. Tom's Midnight Garden. London, Oxford, 1958. 229p.

An outstanding fantasy of a lonely boy who discovers a mysterious garden that leads into the past.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Susan Einzig.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Peck, Leigh. Pecos Bill and Lightening. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E.M. Hale, & Co., 1940. 68p.

The adventures of a legendary cowboy and his horse.

Average size print. Illustrations by Kurt Wiese.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 1-5

Potter, Miriam Clark. Hello, Mrs. Goose! Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott, 1947. 150p.

A delightful collection of stories about laughable and lovable Mrs. Goose and her friends in Animaltown.

Large print. Hilarious illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Preussler, Otfried. The Satanic Mill. New York, Macmillan, 1973. 250p.

In seventeenth-century Germany, a boy desperately wants to escape from a school for Black Magic where he is held captive by evil forces.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Read, Elfreida. Magic for Granny. Burns & MacEachern, 1967. 103p.

A well-written fantasy in which two children from Canada travel all over the world in search of a miraculous cure for their grandmother's illness.

Average size print. Good illustrations by Louise Sheppard.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

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Sendak, Jack. The Second Witch. New York, Harper & Row, 1965. 95p.

The amusing tricks of a girl witch shake the villagers of Platzenhausen out of their selfishness.

Large print. Illustrations of varied quality by Uri Shulevitz.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Mostly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Sharp, Margery. The Rescuers. London, Collins, 1959. 158p.

Three daring mice journey to the Black Castle to help a poet escape from a dungeon.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Judith Brook.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 3-8

Shepard, Ernest. Ben and Brock. London, Methuen, 1965. 79p.

Ten-year-old Ben meets Mr. Brock the badger, and together they share some exciting and amusing adventures.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 1-5

Shepard, Ernest. Betsy and Joe. London, Methuen, 1966. 79p.

Betsy the squirrel makes friends with Joe, the kindly old tramp. Joe is worried when Betsy joins a circus, but Dan the circus boy lends a helping hand.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length; 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 2-5

Silverberg, Robert. Planet of Death. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1967. 125p.

Framed for murder on the planet Velliran, Earthman Roy Crawford escapes to World Seven of Star System Z-16, only to find that World Seven is a planet inhabited by monsters where even the trees are killers.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-11

Silverberg, Robert. Three Survived. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1969. 117p.

Three men, the only survivors of a spaceship wreck, are marooned on a hostile planet where they are held captive by a group of aliens.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-12

Silverstein, Shel. Uncle Shelly's Story of Lafcadio the Lion Who Shot Back. New York, Harper & Row, 1963.

Lafcadio the lion decides to turn the tables on lion hunters and learns to use a gun. He is so successful that he is invited to join a circus as a sharpshooter.

Large print. Many illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Few long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Sisson, Rosemary Anne. The Impractical Chimney Sweep. London, Macmillan, 1956. 176p.

In 19th century England, John William a young chimney sweep, sets out to seek his fortune, and in the course of his adventures discovers that there is more to be found in chimneys than soot.

Large print. Good illustrations by Fritz Wegner.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Sleigh, Barbara. Carbonel, the King of the Cats. Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1955. 253p.

When ten-year-old Rosemary buys a witch's broom secondhand, she unexpectedly gets the witch's cat as a bonus. Together with Carbonel, Rosemary has many exciting adventures.

Large print. Illustrations by V.H. Drummond.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Sleigh, Barbara. The Kingdom of Carbonel. Longman, 1973. 236p.

In this sequel to Carbonel, the King of the Cats, Carbonel asks John and Rosemary to guard his wife and the two royal kittens while he is away from his kingdom. The task proves to be more exciting and dangerous than the children expect.

Large print. Illustrations by Richard Kennedy.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Slobodkin, Louis. The Space Ship Under the Apple Tree. New York, Macmillan, 1952. 116p.

While on vacation at his grandmother's farm, Eddie meets Marty, a little man from the planet Martinea.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Slobodkin, Louis. The Three-Seated Space Ship. New York, Macmillan, 1962. 128p.

Marty, a visitor to Earth from the planet, Martinea, takes Eddie and his grandmother on an adventurous and fun-filled trip to London.

Slightly larger than average print. Amusing illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Stahl, Ben. Blackbeard's Ghost. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1965. 184p.

Two boys discover an ancient parchment by means of which they are able to summon up the ghost of Blackbeard the pirate, with hilarious results.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Stahl, Ben. The Secret of Red Skull. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1971. 243p.

A group of international spies clash with pirate ghosts and a couple of determined boys in this amusing adventure story.

Average size print. Illustrations by Ben F. Stahl.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Steig, William. Dominic. New York, Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1972. 146p.

Dominic the dog sets out in search of adventures and finds more than he bargained for in encounters with a witch-alligator, the Doomsday Gang and many others.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by the author.
Vocabulary may present difficulties for some readers.
Average sentence length: 21 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 3-9

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Stevenson, James. Here Comes Herb's Hurricane. New York, Harper & Row, 1973. 150p.

Herb the rabbit organizes a complicated alarm system so that all the animals can take shelter in case of a storm.

Large print. Illustrated.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 2-8

Strong, Phil. Honk the Moose. New York, Dodd, Mead & Co., 1955. 80p.

Many amusing situations develop when two small boys adopt a moose that has wandered into their town during the winter.

Large print. Amusing illustrations by Kurt Wiese.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Symonds, John. Travelers Three. Philadelphia, Lippincott, 1953. 47p.

A cat without a tail, a one-eyed dog and a dwarf set out to bring back the stolen crown jewels.

Large print. Illustrations by André Francois.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 1-5

Titus, Eve. Basil of Baker Street. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1958. 96p.

Basil, the mouse detective who has studied at the feet of Sherlock Holmes himself, solves the mystery of the missing twins, in this exciting adventure-fantasy.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by Paul Galdone.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

Vetter, Carole. The Wishing Night. New York, Macmillan, 1966. 32p.

Karen, a lonely little girl, is the guest of honour at a series of wonderful parties on the special wishing night.

Large print, attractive illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1 to 5

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Vonnegut, Kurt. God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater. New York, Delacorte Press, 1965. 217p.

A hilarious satire about a multi-millionaire who wants to give his money away, and a shrewd lawyer who is only too willing to take it.

Easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 9-12

Walters, Hugh, Mission to Mercury. New York, Criterion Books, 1965. 189p.

Four astronauts, one of whom is a girl, face many dangers on their expedition to, and exploration of, the planet Mercury.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

White, E.B. Charlotte's Web. New York, Harper & Row, 1952. 184p.

The story of Charlotte the spider who saves the life of Wilbur the pig.

Large print. Illustrations by Garth Williams.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 2-8

White, E.B. The Trumpet of the Swan. New York, Harper & Row, 1970. 210p.

Louis the trumpeter swan is born without a voice, but his father and a kind-hearted boy help Louis to overcome his problem and win the beautiful Serena as a mate.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Edward Frascino.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-8

Wibberley, Leonard. The Mouse on the Moon. New York, William Morrow, Co., 1962. 191p.

Financed by a grant of $50,000,000 from the United States, the Duchy of Grand Fenwick joins the space race in this sequel to The Mouse That Roared.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

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Wibberley, Leonard. The Mouse That Roared. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1955. 280p.

The Duchy of Grand Fenwick (area: 15 square miles; population 6,000) declares war on the United States - and wins.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Williams, Jay & Raymond Abraskkin. Danny Dunn and the Homework Machine. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1958. 141p.

Professor Bullfinch leaves his computer in the care of Danny Dunn who plans to use it to help with his homework. Amusing complications develop when Danny's bright idea does not work out quite as expected.

Large print. Illustrations by Ezra Jack Keats.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Winterfield, Henry. Castaways in Lilliput. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1960. 188p.

Three children are shipwrecked on the coast of a mysterious country where everything and everyone exists in a miniature form. The children's experiences as "giants" in this land make for a pleasant fantasy.

Average size print. Some illustrations by William M. Hutchinson.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

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Sports Stories

Ashford, Jeffrey. Grand Prix United States. New York, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1971. 190p.

An enjoyable auto racing story about a young driver competing in an important international race.

Large print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 5-12

Bowen, Robert Sidney. Bat Boy. New York, Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1962. 192p.

After one season as a bat boy, Sammy Slade successfully tries out for a baseball team, and gains new insights into a player's relationship with the team.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-10

Butterworth, W.E. Redline 7100. New York, W.W. Norton & Co., 1968. 168p.

A father and son clash over the boy's career in stock-car racing.

Average size print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-11

Carol, Bill J. Blocking Back. Austin, Texas, Steck-Vaughn Co., 1974. 156p.

A high school football player finally masters the art of blocking and leads his team to victory.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Carson, John, Court Clown. New York, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1963. 218p.

Charley Sands, the hero of this amusing basketball story, is a good athlete, but his talent for clowning drives his teachers and the athletic coach to distraction.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Childerhose, R.J. Hockey Fever in Coganne Falls. Toronto, Macmillan, 1973. 169p.

A well-written, often amusing, story of how a small town juvenile hockey team play their way into the provincial finals.

Average size print. Illustrations by Doug Panton.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Christopher, Matt. Catch That Pass! Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1969. 130p.

Jim Nardi is a top linebacker for his football team, but has to struggle against his fear of being tackled.

Large print. Illustrations by Harvey Kidder.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Christopher, Matt. Face-Off. Boston, Little, Brown, & Co., 1972. 131p.

Young Scott Harrison is delighted to join the Golden Bears hockey team, but he is afraid of being hit by the puck. This story tells how he overcomes his problem and wins the respect of the team.

Large print. Illustrations by Harvey Kidder.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Christopher, Matt. Look Who's Playing First Base. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1971. 131p.

Yuri Dotzen, a boy who has just arrived in America from Russia, proves to be a first-rate baseball player after failing in his early attempts at the game.

Large print. Illustrations by Harvey Kidder.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Christopher, Matt. Too Hot to Handle. Boston, Little, Brown, & Co., 1965. 127p.

David Kroft, the son and brother of two first-class baseball players, learns that being a good all around player is more important than being the star of the team.

Large print. Illustrations by Foster Caddell.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Eiseman, Alberta & Ingrid Sladkus. Skate to a Mountain Song. New York, Macmillan, 1966. 134p.

Barbara McAllister, whose great ambition is to become a champion figure skater, goes to Cortina in the Italian Alps to spend the summer working with her coach. A narrow escape on a mountain ledge cures Barbara of selfishness and alters her attitude to life considerably.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Friendlich, Dick. Touchdown Maker. New York, Doubleday, 1966. 234p.

An enjoyable high school football story with good descriptions of play and excellent character delineation.

Larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Gault, William Campbell. The Checkered Flag. New York, E.P. Dutton, 1964. 192p.

A well-written auto-racing story set against the background of the Depression Years.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 6-11

Gault, William Campbell. Rough Road to Glory. New York, E.P. Dutton, 1958. 191p.

Steve Tomkevic, the hero of this novel works his way up in auto racing until he reaches his goal of competing in the Indianapolis 500.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 7-11

Gault, William Campbell. The Underground Skipper. New York, E.P. Dutton, Co., 1975. 134p.

Mike Ryan is the manager of a major league baseball team, but it is his wife Myrna, the team's "underground skipper" who really makes many decisions that produce winning results.

Small print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

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Gault, William Campbell. Wild Willie, Wide Receiver. New York, Dutton, 1974. 147p.

Willie Waggen, a black super-athlete, joins the Chicago Miners, a professional football team.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-12

Harkins, Philip. Center Ice. New York, Holiday House, 1952. 208p.

Peter Grenville, a hockey star from Dartmouth University, goes to play for the New York Rangers.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 6-11

Higdon, Hal. The Electronic Olympics. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1971. 105p.

Two young men, who dislike the idea of mechanical sport, sabotage the first electronic Olympic Games in which programmed athletes are competing.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 3-10

Ilowite, Sheldon. Fury on Ice. New York, Hastings House, 1970. 124p.

A story of the intense rivalry between American and Canadian hockey teams in an amateur league competition.

Large print. Illustrations by Ned Butterfield.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-12

Ilowite, Sheldon. Penalty Killer. New York, Hastings House, 1973. 116p.

Eleven-year-old Mark Edwards is a good skater and strong defensive player, but is unsuccessful as a goal scorer. He works hard to prove that he can be useful to his team.

Large print. Illustrations by Ned Butterfield.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

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Lipsyte, Robert. The Contender. New York, Harper & Row, 1967. 182p.

Alfred Brooks, a seventeen-year-old high school drop-out from a poor section of New York, looks to the world of professional boxing to help him get ahead in life.

Easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

Longstreth, T. Morris. The Calgary Challengers. Toronto, Macmillan, 1962. 165p.

A fast action hockey story with a hunt for a desperate kidnapper as a sub-plot.

Average size print. Illustrations by William Whesler.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

McClinton, Leon. Cross-Country Runner. New York, Dutton, 1974. 217p.

Vern Mansfield, a star running back on his high school football team, meets with a lot of opposition when he decides to give up football for cross-country running.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 6-12

McCormick, Wilfred. Touchdown for the Enemy. New York, Putnam, 1965. 217p.

An action filled sports novel of professional football as seen from the point of view of Roy Rolfe, a rookie halfback.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Francis Chauncy.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 6-9

O'Brien, Andy. Hockey Wingman. Toronto, George J. McLeod, 1967. 174p.

Young Danny Dooner's great ambition is to play hockey for the Montreal Canadiens, but when his legs are badly frozen during a blizzard, it becomes doubtful whether he will be able even to walk again.
This story tells how Danny's determination and courage enable him to overcome his handicaps and become a star hockey player.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Orr, Frank. Buck Martin,Take Centre Ice. Toronto, Musson Book Co., 1965. 197p.

An enjoyable hockey story of a teen-age boy's progress from midget hockey to Junior B and Junior A teams.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Phillips, Maurice. Lightning on Ice. New York, Doubleday, 1963. 143p.

As a member of his high school hockey team, Kim Morgan learns the important difference between playing for the game's sake and playing to win.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Ray Quigley.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Riddell, J.S. Face-Off at Center Ice. Austin, Texas, Steck-Vaughn Company, 1973. 188p.

Rivalry between two young hockey players on the same team threatens the team's chance for success in the seasonal championship.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Walden, Amelia. Basketball Girl of the Year. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1970. 224p.

Pat Palmer, captain of Greenport High School's championship girl's basketball team, has her sights set on winning the Basketball Girl of the Year award, but her conflict with Madge Dickson, the new basketball coach, leads to near disaster.

Small print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 5-12

Waller, Leslie. Overdrive. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1967. 118p.

Johnny Regan is content to be a first-class mechanic until he has the opportunity to take part in an important car race.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 5-12

Young, Scott. Scrubs on Skates. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1952. 218p.

An enjoyable high school hockey story with a Winnipeg setting. Other hockey titles by Scott Young include Boy on Defense and A Boy at the Leaf's Camp.

Average size print. Illustrations by James Ponter.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Miscellaneous Fiction

Aiken, Joan. Midnight is a Place. London, Jonathan Cape, 1974. 303p.

In 19th century Yorkshire, two children find they must earn their living in a factory town after they have been left penniless and friendless by the death of their guardian.

Average size print. Illustrations by Pat Marriott.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Andrew, Prudence. Una and Grubstreet. London, Heinemann, 1972. 125p.

On the advice of her toy bear, Grubstreet, Una, a lonely little girl, takes a neglected baby away from its mother.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

Balducci, Carolyn. Earwax. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1972. 151p.

Twenty-year-old Norma Cantalupo has many amusing adventures when she goes to Europe to film the life of American young people on the European scene.

Slightly larger than average print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Balducci, Carolyn. Is There A Life After Graduation, Henry Burnbaum? Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1971. 140p.

An amusing account of a boy's first term at college.

Larger than average print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Bartusis, Constance. Shades of Difference. New York, St. Martin's Press, 1968. 180p.

Employed as a part-time recreation counsellor, Greg has the opportunity to make some new discoveries about himself and some re-evaluations of his ideas, particularly when his job brings him in contact with the Negro community.

Average size print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Batchelor, Julie Forsyth. A Cap for Mul Chand. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1950. 57p.

Mul Chand is a boy who lives in a little village in India. He is thrilled at the prospect of visiting the great city of Bombay, but cannot make the journey because he does not have a cap to wear. How he acquires the longed for cap is told in this imaginative story.

Large print. Corinne V. Dillon's excellent illustrations splendidly depict the Indian setting.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 4 to Grade 6

Beckett, Hilary. Street Fair Summer. New York, Dodd, Mead, & Co., 1974. 126p.

Ivy Fenelon is miserable at the prospect of having to spend a summer in New York City, until the chance to take part in organizing a street fair changes her opinions completely.

Large print. Illustrations by Ray Abel.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Blume, Judy. Deenie. Scarsdale, New York, Bradbury Press, 1973. 159p.

Many of the conflicts and problems of young teen-agers and their parents are described in this well-written novel. Deenie Fenner, the thirteen-year-old heroine, has no interest in the modeling career that her mother is trying to push her into. Matters come to a head when it is discovered that Deenie is suffering from curvature of the spine.

Larger than average print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Blume, Judy. Then Again Maybe I Won't. Scarsdale, New York, Bradbury Press, 1971. 164p.

An amusing novel about the hang-ups and problems of a typical thirteen-year-old boy.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Bolton, Carole. The Stage Is Set. New York, William Morrow, 1963. 224p.

The story of the challenges and difficulties that a girl encounters as she studies to become an actress.

Larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 7-11

Brink, Carol Ryrie. The Bad Times of Irma Baumlein. New York, Macmillan, 1972. 134p.

Tired of hearing her classmates boast about their possessions, Irma Baumlein claims that she owns the biggest doll in the world - which she doesn't. Trouble and adventures follow when Irma has to produce the doll for a school display.

Large print. Illustrations by Trina Schart Hyman.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words
Reading Level: Grade
Interest Level: Grade

Bromhall, Winifred. Bridget's Growing Day. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1957. 35p.

Bridget, a little seven-year-old Irish farm girl, has a chance to show how grown-up she is when she is left to look after the farm while her parents go into town for the day.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words
Reading Level; Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4

Buck, Pearl S. The Good Earth. New York, Pocket Books, 1931. 344p.

Wang Lung rises from being a humble Chinese farmer to a wealthy landowner, but a series of dramatic misfortunes destroy his success.

Small print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. The Secret Garden. Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott, 1938. 256p.

A lonely little girl finds friends health, happiness, and a mysterious walled garden when she comes to live in a great house on the Yorkshire moors.

Average size print. Illustrations by Tasha Tudor.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Carroll, Ruth and Latrobe Carroll. Beanie. New York, Henry Z. Walck, 1953.

The adventures of a small boy who lives on a farm near the Great Smoky Mountains with his puppy, Tough Enough.

Large print, good illustrations.
Some words longer than three syllables.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1 to Grade 6

Caryl, Jean. Bones and the Black Panther. New York, Funk and Wagnalls, 1963. 118p.

The Black Panther of the title is an English bicycle that twelve-year-old Boniface Cluett has set his heart on. Boniface (alias Bones) has many amusing adventures while trying to raise money for the bike.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Jessica Zemsky.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

Caryl, Jean. Bones and the Pointed House. New York, Funk and Wagnalls, 1968. 127p.

Unhappy at the prospect of moving to another town, Bones desperately tries to persuade his parents against the idea.
(See also Bones and the Black Panther.)

Small print. Illustrations by Jessica Zemsky.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Clark, Ann Nolan. Magic Money. New York, Viking, 1950. 121p.

A simple but charming story of a little boy in Costa Rica who wants to earn money in order to buy two white oxen for his grandfather.

Large print. Attractive illustrations by Lea Politi.
Easy vocabulary.
Mostly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

Clarke, John. High School Drop Out. New York, Doubleday, 1964. 143p.

Unhappy in school, Joe Bancroft drops out and at first enjoys his freedom. Later, however, as he finds difficulty in getting a satisfactory job, he begins to regret his decision.

Average size print. Illustrations by Albert Micale.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Clarke, Tom E. The Big Road. New York, Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1965. 252p.

An unusual story of a 17-year-old boy who, during the Depression, becomes a hobo for three months.

Average size print.
Vocabulary of average level of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

Cleary, Beverly. Emily's Runaway Imagination. New York, William Morrow, 1961. 221p.

Emily Bartlett, the fourth grade heroine of this novel, has many amusing adventures as she tries to raise money to build a library in her town.

Large print. Illustrations by Beth and Joe Krush.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

Cleary, Beverly. Henry and the Clubhouse. New York, William Morrow, 1962. 192p.

One of a series of highly amusing books about Henry Huggins and his friends. Henry builds a clubhouse which becomes the scene of near disaster for him when he is locked in and unable to deliver his newspapers. This is only one of the many entertaining episodes in the story.

Large print. Humourous illustrations by Louis Darling.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

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Cleary, Beverly. Ramona the Pest. New York, Scholastic Book Services, 1968. 144p.

Ramona Quimby who is just starting kindergarten is anxious to prove to her sister and other people that she is not the "peskiest kid in town" as everyone seems to think she is.

Large print. Illustrations by Louis Darling.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Cleaver, Vera and Bill. Me Too. Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott, 1973. 158p.

A girl desperately tries to help her twin sister, who is retarded, to live a normal life.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-12

Clewes, Dorothy. Ginny's Boy. London, Heinemann, 1973. 90p.

Ginny, a high school student in England, finds herself a boyfriend. Don is good looking, overconfident and the proud owner of a motorcycle. Ginny's relationship with Don does not run smoothly, but it does prove helpful to Ginny in an unexpected way.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 6-12

Corbett, Scott. The Hairy Horror Trick. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1969. 101p.

Kerby Maxwell and Fenton Claypool accidentally mix up a potion that gives Kerby a beard, Fenton a moustache, and leaves Waldo the dog bald.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Paul Galdone.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-8

Corbett, Scott. The Home Run Trick. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1973 101p.

When Kerby's baseball team unexpectedly has to play an exhibition game against a girls' team, Kerby needs the aid of the resourceful Mrs. Graymalkin and the magic chemistry set.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Paul Galdone.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-8

Corbett, Scott. The Lemonade Trick. New York, Scholastic Book Services, 1960. 94p.

Kerby Maxwell receives a most unusual chemistry set as a present, and causes some startling happenings with a potion that he prepares.

Large print. Some black and white illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Corbett, Scott. Pippa Passes. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1966 127p.

On their way to summer camp, Meg and Luli Kendrick meet Pippa Phillips, a child movie star who is running away from her aunt and uncle. Meg and Luli devise an intricate plan to aid Pippa's escape.

Larger than average print. Some effective black and white illustrations by Judith Gwyn Brown.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Craven, Margaret. I Heard the Owl Call My Name. Toronto, Clark, Irwin, 1967. 138p.

The story of a young priest who spends the last three years of his life with a British Columbia Indian tribe, at a time when the life style of the Indians themselves is undergoing profound changes.

Small print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

Crayder, Teresa. Sudden Fame. New York, Macmillan, 1966. 151p.

When her father becomes the first astronaut to land on the moon, Barbara Woods is faced with the problem of proving herself as an individual, and not just the daughter of a famous father.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Cunningham, Julia. Burnish Me Bright. New York, Pantheon, 1970. 80p.

Auguste, a mute boy learns the art of mime from Monsieur Hilaire. Auguste's talent as a mime changes the lives of two people - Gustave the school bully, and Avril, a sick girl whose case has been given up as hopeless.

Large print. Illustrations by Don Freeman.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Cunningham, Julia. Far in the Day. Pantheon Books, 1972. 98p.

A mysterious mute boy joins a circus and shows great skill in pantomime. He wins the admiration of everyone except Madame Creel. the sinister fortune teller.

Large print. Effective illustrations by Don Freeman.
Vocabulary of moderate difficulty.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

de la Roche, Mazo. Whiteoaks. London, Macmillan, 1966. 380p.

Despite the C.B.C.'s hilarious attempt to sabotage the Whiteoaks novels, they still have enormous appeal as stories of several generations of a wealthy family in Ontario. In this particular novel, the central character is Finch, a sensitive and misunderstood member of the family who unexpectedly becomes heir to his grandmother's fortune.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

DeLeeuw, Adèle & Margaret Dudley. The Rugged Dozen Abroad. New York, Macmillan, 1960. 197p.

The adventures of a troop of Girl Scouts as they tour western Europe.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 7-10

Douglas, Lloyd C. The Big Fisherman. New York, Pocket Books, 1948. 597p.

The story of Simon Peter who became a disciple of Christ.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Douglas, Lloyd C. Magnificent Obsession. New York, Pocket Books, 1929. 282p.

Bobby Merrick, a spoiled and very rich young man learns a magnificent secret through a tragic accident, and goes from a life of futility to greatness as a brain surgeon.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

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Estes, Eleanor. The Hundred Dresses. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1944. 80p.

Wanda, who wears the same faded blue dress to school everyday, claims that she has a hundred dresses at home. Her friends do not believe her until they discover that Wanda has been telling the truth, but not in the way that they expect.

Large print. Illustrations by Louis Slobodkin.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 1-5

Farjeon, Eleanor. Jim at the Corner. London, Oxford University Press, 1958. 101p.

Jim is an old sailor who describes his adventures on the good ship "Rocking Horse" under brave Captain Potts.

Large print. Illustrations by Edward Ardizzone.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Fitzgerald, John D. The Great Brain. New York, Dial Press, 1967. 175p.

The amusing adventures of a ten-year-old boy who is always thinking up wonderful schemes to make money. This title is the first in a series.

Average size print. Illustrations by Mercer Mayer.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Fitzhugh, Louise. Harriet the Spy. New York, Harper & Row, 1964. 298p.

Harriet is a little girl in the sixth grade whose ambition is to become a writer. To prepare for her career, she begins to spy on all the people whom she knows, and records her observations in a notebook.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-8

Forbes-Robertson, Diana. Footlights for Jean. New York, Doubleday, 1963. 142p.

Jean Allen spends a summer studying acting at the Pine Tree Playhouse in Maine. Romance is provided by the presence of Paul Garvey, an aspiring playwright.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Julian Paul.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Fox, Paula. The Slave Dancer. New York, Bradbury Press, 1973. 176p.

In 1840, thirteen-year-old Jessie Bollier is kidnapped in New Orleans and taken on board a slave ship bound for Africa.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Eros Keith.
Vocabulary may be difficult for some readers.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 8
Interest Level: Grade 7-10

Garfield, James B. Follow My Leader. New York, Viking, 1957. 191p.

A boy who has been blinded in an accident learns, with aid of a guide dog, to adjust to a new way of life.

Average size print. Illustrations by Robert Greiner.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Gates, Doris. Sarah's Idea. New York, Viking, 1938. 146p.

Sarah, the young heroine of the story, lives on a ranch in California where her greatest ambition is to own a pet burro.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Greene, Constance C. The Good-Luck Bogie Hat. New York, Viking, 1971. 126p.

Ben's younger brother, Charlie, and his friend, Arthur, can't understand what Ben sees in his girlfriend, Penny. Charlie even resorts to voodoo to correct the situation.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-10

Greene, Constance C. The Unmaking of Rabbit. New York, Viking, 1972. 125p.

The story of a lonely boy who has to cope with the problems of his parents being separated, and being teased by the other boys at school.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Harris, Christie. Confessions of a Toe-Hanger. New York, Atheneum, 1967. 209p.

As a young girl, Feeny feels that she is a misfit, because she doesn't have any special talents like the other members of her family. This story follows her from youth to maturity, when she learns to accept herself for what she is.

Average size print. Illustrations by Moira Johnston.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Haywood, Carolyn. Eddie and Gardenia. New York, William Morrow and Co., 1951. 191p.

Young Eddie and his pet goat, Gardenia, visit Eddie's uncle at his ranch in Texas where Eddie learns to become a cowboy.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Haywood, Carolyn. Eddie the Dog Holder. New York, William Morrow & Co., 1966. 187p.

Another in the series of Eddie books. When Eddie's friend, Anna Patricia Wallace, sells an oil painting that she has done of a dog, Eddie foresees a profitable scheme in which he can hold dogs while Anna Patricia paints their portraits.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Hentoff, Nat. I'm Really Dragged But Nothing Gets Me Down. New York, Simon & Schuster, 1968. 127p.

Jeremy Wolf, a high school senior, faces deeply conflicting responsibilities - to himself, to his family, to his country. This novel is concerned with Jeremy's finding out who he is and how he fits into society.

Average size print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Hentoff, Nat. Jazz Country. New York, Harper & Row, 1965. 146p.

Just graduated from high school, Tom Curtis tries to make his way in the world of professional jazz musicians.

Easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Hildick, E.W. The Secret Spenders. New York, Crown, 1971. 175p.

Tim and his uncle are secretly trying to spend the fortune that they have won in a sweepstakes, but their plans are complicated by Amanda, a girl detective, and by a kidnapping.

Average size print. Illustrations by Gustave Nebel.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Hinton, S.E. That Was Then, This Is Now. New York, Viking, 1971. 159p.

The adventures of two teen-age boys who live in a poor district of a large city.

Larger than average print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Hochman, Sandra. The Magic Convention. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1971.

Amanda, a little girl who wants to be a magician, accompanies her uncle to a magicians' convention where she takes the first step towards her future career.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Ben Schecter.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Honig, Donald. Johnny Lee. New York, McCall, 1971. 115p.

Seventeen-year-old Johnny Lee leaves Harlem to play professional baseball in the South, but when he arrives in Virginia, he encounters strong racial prejudice against him.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Hunter, Kristin. The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou. New York, Scribner's, 1968. 248p.

Laurette Hawkins, a lonely black teenager in a northern U.S. city, makes friends with the members of the Hawks gang. Their interest in music leads them to form a vocal group the name of which gives this novel its title.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words
Reading Level: Grade 8
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Hunter, Kristin. Boss Cat. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1971. 58p.

When Pharaoh the cat takes over the Tanner's apartment, everyone is quite happy, except Mrs. Tanner, but even she is eventually won over when Pharaoh proves to be a champion mouse catcher.

Average size print. Illustrations by Harold Franklin.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Justus, May. Lester and His Hound Pup. New York, Hastings House, 1960. 48p.

Lester and his father live in the Tennessee mountains where they raise fox hounds. Old Mr. Ben Bailey, the man whom nobody likes, buys one of their dogs, but doesn't pay for it, so Lester and his father decide to do something about the situation.

Large print. Illustrations by Joan Balfour Payne.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Kay, Helen. Henri's Hands for Pablo Picasso. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1965. 61p.

Henri, a little French boy, is torn between following the trade of his father, a baker, and that of his grandfather, a potter. It is an exciting day in Henri's life when the famous artist, Pablo Picasso, visits Henri's village.

Large print. Illustrations by Victor Ambrus.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Keith, Harold. The Runt of Rogers School. Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott, 1971. 125p.

Bennie Robinson is the smallest boy in his fifth grade class at Rogers School, but what he lacks in size, he makes up for in determination in playing on the school football team.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-6

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Kerr, M.E. Dinky Hocker Shoots Smack! New York, Harper & Row, 1972. 198p.

Contrary to the title, Dinky Hocker is not a drug addict. She only says that she is to try and attract the attention of her do-gooding mother whose latest fad is rehabilitating addicts. A very funny and perceptive novel.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 6-12

Klein, Norma. Girls Can Be Anything. New York, Dutton, 1973. 32p.

Marina proves to her friend, Adam, that girls can work at any job that boys can.

Large print. Illustrations by Roy Doty.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words
Reading Level: Grade 2-3
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3

Konigsburg, E.L. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. New York, Atheneum, 1967. 162p.

Claudia and her young brother, Jamie, run away from home and hide out in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. While there, Claudia sees a beautiful statue which had formerly belonged to Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, and it is Mrs. Frankweiler who helps Claudia and Jamie to solve many of their problems.

Average size print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-7

Little, Jean. From Anna. New York, Harper & Row, 1972. 201p.

Anna's brothers and sisters are always impatient with her because she can't seem to do anything right. They are surprised to learn that Anna's trouble arises from the fact that she cannot see well, and that she must attend a special school. Her experiences at the school help Anna to change for the better.

Large print. Illustrations by Joan Sandin.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Little, Jean. Kate. New York, Harper & Row, 1971. 162p.

The story of a sensitive and intelligent girl, and how her image of herself and her friends' image of her change during one year.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Little, Jean. Look Through My Window. New York, Harper & Row, 1970.

Emily Blair does not look forward to moving into a large old house with her four cousins, but she learns that living in a large family can be a very rewarding experience.

Large print. Illustrations by Joan Sandin.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Little, Jean. Mine for Keeps. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1962. 186p.

A touching story of a girl, crippled by cerebral palsy, trying to adjust to life with her energetic family. How she succeeds with the aid of three friends and a timid puppy is described with considerable appeal.

Average size print. Illustrations by Lewis Parker.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Little, Jean. One to Grow On. Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1969. 140p.

Janie Chisholm tells terrible lies to everyone except her godmother, Tilly, who tries to help her to overcome this problem.

Large print. Illustrations by Jerry Lazare.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Little, Jean. Take Wing. Boston, Little, Brown, & Co., 1968. 176p.

An appealing story of a young girl who is caught between her own shyness and her determination to protect her younger brother who is mentally retarded.

Large print. Illustrations by Jerry Lazare.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 6
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Lovelace, Maud Hart. The Valentine Box. New York, Thomas M. Crowell, 1966.

Janice, a new girl in her fifth grade class at school, is afraid that there may not be any valentines for her at the class Valentine party.

Large print. Illustrations by Ingrid Fetz.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Lyon, Elinor. The Wishing Pool. Leicester, Brockhampton Press, 1970. 88p.

Jean and Anna climb over the wall at the bottom of their garden, and on the other side they find an overgrown garden, a pool with a fountain, and a little boy who thinks that a mermaid statue in the garden grants wishes.

Large print. Illustrations by Mary Dinsdale.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 27 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

McCloskey, Robert. Homer Price. New York, Viking, 1943. 149p.

Homer Price, the young hero of this collection of six stories, enjoys a variety of comical adventures in a small mid-western American town.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Mason, Miriam E. Caroline and the Seven Little Words. New York, Macmillan, 1967. 184p.

10-year-old Caroline Gray lives in the pioneer community of Pigeon Roost, where girls are expected to grow up to be housewives. Caroline, however, has other ideas and is determined to become a doctor.

Large print. Illustrations by Paul Frame.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-7

Montgomery, L.M. Anne of Green Gables. Toronto, Ryerson, 1908. 329p.

The appealing classic of the little orphan girl who comes to live with a family in Prince Edward Island in the early years of this century.

Average size print. Illustrations by Hilton Hassell.
Vocabulary may be difficult for some readers.
Average sentence length: 21 words
Reading Level: Grade 8
Interest Level: Grade 6-10

Morse, Carol. Double Trouble. New York, Doubleday, 1964. 143p.

Audrey and Enid King are identical sixteen-year-old twins who have always done the same things together. When they decide to try being two separate people, they cause confusion and amusement.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Julian Paul.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 7-11

Ness, Evaline. Do You Have the Time, Lydia? New York, Dutton,1971.

Lydia always thinks she is too busy to look after unimportant things like helping her little brother to build a racing car, but her ideas change when she finds a seagull with a broken wing.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 1-4

Neville, Emily. Berries Goodman. New York, Harper & Row, 1965. 178p.

When Berries Goodman moves from the city to the suburbs he finds it difficult to adjust to his new school where he feels like an outsider. Then he meets Sidney Fine who is treated as an outsider because of stupidity and prejudice.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Neville, Emily. It's Like This, Cat. New York, Harper & Row, 1963. 180p.

Living in the variety and excitement of New York City, fourteen-year-old Dave Mitchell, befriends a stray cat and a troubled nineteen-year-old boy.

Large print. Illustrations by Emil Weiss.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

Parish, Peggy. Come Back, Amelia Bedelia. New York, Harper & Row, 1971. 64p.

Amelia Bedelia, the housekeeper, makes so many mistakes that Mrs. Rogers fires her. Poor Amelia Bedelia tries to find another job - at the beauty salon, at the dress shop, at the doctor's office - always with the same amusing results.

Large print. Illustrations by Wallace Tripp.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words
Reading Level: Grade 2-3
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3

Parish, Peggy. Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia. New York, Harper & Row, 1972. 64p.

Amelia Bedelia, the lovable housekeeper stands in for a sick player on the Grizzlies baseball team.

Large print. Illustrations by Wallace Tripp.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words
Reading Level: Grade 2
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3

Parker, Richard. Snatched. Newton Abbot, England, David & Charles Ltd.

On their way home from school, three children are kidnapped by members of a political terrorist organization.

Large print. Illustrations by Peter Kesteren.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Pliss, Louise. That Summer on Catalpa Street. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E.M. Hale & Co., 1964. 157p.

The amusing adventures of six children during their summer holidays.

Large print. Some illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 2-7

Richard, Adrienne. Pistol. London, Victor Gollancz, 1969. 245p.

The story of Billy Catlett, a fourteen-year-old horse wrangler in Montana at the time of the Depression.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Ross, Leonard Q. The Education of Hyman Kaplan. New York, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1937. 176p.

A collection of hilarious stories about an immigrant trying to master the difficulties of the English language.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 9
Interest Level: Grade 9-12

Samuels, Gertrude. Run, Shelley Run! New York, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1974. 175p.

Fourteen-year-old Shelley runs away from a training center for delinquent girls.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 5-10

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Segal, Erich. Love Story. New American Library, 1970. 131p.

Two college students, a boy from a wealthy family background and a brilliant girl from a poor family fall in love and marry, but tragedy ensues when the girl contracts a fatal illness.

Small print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Somerfelt, Aimée. The Road to Agra. New York, Criterion Books, 1961. 191p.

Lalu, a thirteen-year-old Indian boy, and his seven-year-old sister, Maya, set out on a three hundred mile journey on foot to Agra, where they hope that Maya will be able to receive treatment for the ailment that threatens her with blindness.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Ulf Aas.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 5-9

Stone, Irving. Immortal Wife. New York, Doubleday, 1944. 456p.

A biographical novel of the life of Jessie Benton Fremont, wife of John Fremont, the 19th century American explorer and politician.

Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 9
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

Stone, Irving. Lust for Life. New York, Doubleday, 1934. 399p.

The famous biographical novel of the turbulent life of Vincent Van Gogh, the 19th century Dutch artist.

Illustrated with colour reproductions of some of Van Gogh's paintings.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8
Interest Level: Grade 8-12

Walden, Amelia Elizabeth. In Search of Ophelia. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1966. 251p.

A well-written theater story of a young actress preparing for the role of Ophelia in an off-Broadway production of Hamlet.

Larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 7
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Waller, Leslie. New Sound. New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1969. 142p.

The success story of Stacy Nova, the leader of a successful rock group.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 4-12

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Little House in the Big Woods. New York, Harper & Row, 1932. 238p.

In the first volume of a series which includes Little House on the Prairie, the author describes her early childhood in a pioneer family in Wisconsin in 1872.

Large print. Illustrations by Garth Williams.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words
Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Wojciechowska, Maia. Tuned Out. New York, Harper & Row, 1968. 125p.

Summer turns into a nightmare for sixteen-year-old Jim when his brother Kevin comes home from college as a drug addict.

Average size print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Woolley, Catherine. Schoolroom Zoo. New York, William Morrow, 1950. 191p.

Ellie, a little girl who loves all kinds of animals, helps her third grade classmates to set up a classroom zoo for small animals.

Large print. Illustrations by Iris Beatty Johnson.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 2-6

Zindel, Paul. My Darling, My Hamburger. New York, Harper & Row, 1969. 168p.

The story of four high school seniors Maggie and Dennis, Liz and Sean, and their attempts to understand some of the complex situations of life and love.

Slightly larger than average print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Story Collections

Aesop's Fables. Selected and adapted by Louis Untermeyer. New York, Golden Press, 1965. 92p.

A collection of short, delightful fables, illustrated with hilarious pictures by A. and M. Provensen.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Asbjornsen, P. C. and Jorgen E. Moe. East of the Sun and West of the Moon and Other Tales. New York, Macmillan, 1963. 136p.

A fine collection of Norwegian folk tales and legends.

Large than average print. Many illustrations by Tom Vroman.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 5.

Ayre, Robert. Sketco the Raven. Toronto, Macmillan, 1961. 183p.

A collection of legends of the West Coast Indians of Canada.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Philip Surrey.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Barbeau, Marius. The Golden Phoenix. Toronto, Oxford University Press, 1958. 144p.

A collection of French-Canadian fairy tales.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Arthur Price.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 5.

Bourliaguet, Léonce. The Giant Who Drank from His Shoe and Other Stories, London, Abelard-Schuman, 1966. 93p.

A collection of French tales and legends.

Average size print. Illustrations by Gerald Rose.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Darios, Louise. Strange Tales of Canada. Toronto, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1965. 162p.

A collection of legends and stories, many with supernatural overtones, from all across Canada.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Green, Roger Lancelyn, ed. The Hamish Hamilton Book of Magicians. London, Hamish Hamilton, 1973. 274p.

A collection of stories and poems about magicians of many lands and many different time periods.

Large print. Illustrations by Victor Ambrus.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Hardendorff, Jeanne B. Witches, Wit, and a Werewolf. Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott, 1971. 124p.

A good collection of stories of the supernatural.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Laszlo Kubinyi.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Harris, Christie. Once More Upon a Totem. Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1973. 195p.

Three stories taken from the legends of the Indians of the North West Coast of Canada.

Large print. Illustrations by Douglas Tait.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-7.

Hill, Kay. Glooscap and His Magic. New York, Dodd, Mead and Co., 1963. 189p.

A collection of legends of the Wabanaki Indians.

Large print. Illustrations by Robert Frankenberg.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

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Hitchcock, Alfred, comp. Alfred Hitchcock's Haunted Houseful. New York, Random House, 1961. 208p.

A collection of nine stories, mostly in a lighthearted vein, about ghosts and haunted houses.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Fred Banbery.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-10.

Hooke, Hilda Mary. Thunder in the Mountains. Toronto, Oxford University Press, 1947. 223p.

A collection of Canadian myths and legends.

Average size print. Illustrations by Clare Bice.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Hope-Simpson, Jacynth. The Hamish Hamilton Book of Witches. London, Hamish Hamilton, 1966. 224p.

A collection of stories and poems about witches, ranging from Medea of ancient times to Baba Yaga of the forest of Russia.

Large print. Illustrations by Krystyna Turska.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Ireson, Barbara ed. Haunting Tales. London, Faber and Faber, 1973. 279p.

A collection of ghost stories, specially selected to appeal to young readers.

Average size print. Illustrations by Freda Woolf.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Jenkins, Alan C. comp. Ghosts! An Anthology of Spectral Tales. London, Blackie, 1971. 383p.

A collection of ghost stories by authors ranging from Daniel Defoe to Edgar Allan Poe and H. P. Lovecraft.

Average size print.
Vocabulary of varying degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Johnston, Patronella. Tales of Nokomis. Toronto, Charles J. Musson, 1970. 65p.

A collection of legends of the Ojibway Indians of Canada.

Average size print. Outstanding illustrations by Francis Kagige.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

McEvoy, Bernard L. Stories from Across Canada. Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1966. 109p.

A fine collection of stories by such outstanding authors as Roderick L. Haig Brown, Ernest Thompson Seton, and Farley Mowat.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Manning-Sanders, Ruth. A Book of Dwarfs. London, Pan Books, 1972. 127p.

Seventeen lively and exciting stories about dwarfs - including the story of Snow White.

Small print. Illustrations by Robin Jacques.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Manning-Sanders, Ruth. A Book of Giants. London, Pan Books, 1972. 126p.

Eighteen witty and spell-binding stories of giants - including the story of Jack the Giantkiller.

Small print. Illustrations by Robin Jacques.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Metayer, Maurice ed. and trans. Tales from the Igloo. Edmonton, Hurtig Publishers, 1972. 127p.

A collection of tales and legends of Eskimos of the Canadian Arctic.

Small print. Excellent illustrations by Agnes Nanogak.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Spicer, Dorothy Gladys. 13 Ghosts. New York, Coward, McCann and Geohagan, 1965. 128p.

A collection of thirteen ghost stories from England, Ireland, the Netherlands, Japan, Russia, and Wales.

Average size print. Illustrations by Sophia.
Easy Vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Walker, Alan ed. The Treasury of Great Canadian Humour. Toronto, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1974. 413p.

An outstanding anthology of selections from Canadian humourists - from Haliburton to Leacock, from Gregory Clark to Mordecai Richler.

Average size print.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

Whitehouse, Arch. Bombers in the Sky. New York, Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1960. 177p.

A collection of stories about the adventures of wartime bomber crews during World War II.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Introduction to Non-Fiction Section

(See also General Introduction to the complete bibliography.) The titles in this division represent a selection of non-fictional materials which can be used with students from the elementary to the senior grades. As in the fiction section, the works listed vary considerably in degree of difficulty, but appeal to the reader's interest has again been the main criterion for selection.

For the most part, titles have not been selected from series designated for the use of reluctant readers, but from general non-fiction collections.

Biography

Associated Press. The Sports Immortals. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1972. 320p.

Short, lavishly illustrated biographies of many famous sports personalities.

Small print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Batson, Larry. Gordie Howie. Mankato, Minnesota, Amecus Street, 1974. 31p.

A biography of the hockey star formerly with the Detroit Red Wings, now with Houston Aeros.

Large print. Illustrations by Harold Hendriksen.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-7.

Berry, James. Heroin Was My Best Friend. New York, Crowell-Collier Press, 1971. 128p.

A collection of candid conversations with seven young ex-drug-addicts and an addict's mother.

Larger than average print.
Easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Braithwaite, Max. Why Shoot the Teacher. Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1965.

The author's experiences as a teacher in a southern Saskatchewan country school during the 1930's.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

Braithwaite, Max. Never Sleep Three in a Bed. Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1969. 218p.

A highly enjoyable account of family life in Western Canada in the first quarter of this century. Plenty of humour.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

Brickhill Paul. Reach for the Sky. London, Collins, 1954. 384p.

The story of Douglas Bader, the pilot who lost both legs in an air crash, but fought his way back to become one of the greatest heroes of the Battle of Britain.

Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Cohen, Tom. Roger Crozier: Daredevil Goalie. London, Nelson, 1967. 127p.

A biography of the Detroit Red Wings' goalie.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-10.

Davies, Hunter. The Beatles. London, Heinemann, 1968. 374p.

The authorised biography of the famous and immensely popular singers.

Small print. Illustrated with photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Deane-Drummond, Anthony. Return Ticket. London, Collins, 1967. 160p.

The author describes his own exciting adventures as an escapee after he was taken prisoner in Italy in 1941.

Small print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Denis Armand. The Story of My Life. London, Collins, 1963. 320p.

The autobiography of an outstanding naturalist and wildlife photographer.

Average size print. Many photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Devaney, John. Baseball's Youngest Big Leaguers. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1969. 139p.

Biographical sketches of Ted Williams, Bob Feller, Joe DiMaggio, Willie Mays, Dean Chance and Carl Yastrzemski.

Large print. Illustrated with some photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-10.

Devaney, John. The Bobby Orr Story. New York, Random House, 1973. 153p.

A biography of the star defenseman of the Boston Bruins.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-10.

Dooley, Thomas A. Doctor Tom Dooley, My Story. New York, Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1962. 160p.

This is a one-volume abridgement of Dr. Dooley's three autobiographical works - Deliver Us from Evil, The Edge of Tomorrow, and The Night They Burned the Mountain. Dr. Dooley devoted much of his life to medical work in Laos.

Larger than average print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Farmer, Laurence. Master Surgeon. A Biography of Joseph Lister. New York, Harper and Row, 1962. 141p.

The life story of the dedicated doctor who developed the revolutionary concept of antiseptic surgery.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Fischler, Stan. The Conquering Canadiens: Stanley Cup Champions. Scarborough, Ontario, Prentice-Hall, 1971. 144p.

This is one of a series of volumes about NHL teams. Other titles in the series include Go, Leafs, Go, The Roaring Rangers, and The Burly Bruins.

Larger than average print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Fisher, Florrie, The Lonely Trip Back. New York, Doubleday, 1971. 212p.

The autobiography of a woman who managed to overcome twenty-three years of drug addiction.

Small print.
Easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Frayne, Trent. Famous Hockey Players. New York, Dodd, Mead and Co., 1973. 160p.

Twelve biographies of famous hockey players from Howie Morenz to Bobby Orr.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Frayne, Trent. It's Easy. All You Have To Do Is Win. Don Mills, Ontario, Longmans, 1968. 157p.

Biographies of outstanding hockey players.

Large print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Gabrielson, James. The Hooky Cop. Old Tappan, New Jersey, Hewitt House, 1970. 256p.

The adventures of a young truant officer in a tough town where the parents can't control their children.

Larger than average print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Gray, James H. The Boy from Winnipeg. Toronto, Macmillan, 1970. 204p.

A firsthand account of life in Winnipeg in the World War I era, narrated with plenty of humour.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 8-12.

Great Canadians: A Century of Achievement. Toronto, Canadian Centennial Publishing Co., 1965. 122p.

A collection of short biographies of distinguished Canadians in all walks of life.

Average size print. Illustrations by Franklin Arbuckle.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Greene, Nancy. Nancy Greene: An Autobiography. Don Mills, Ontario, General Publishing Co., 1968. 189p.

The story of the Canadian skier who won a gold medal in the 1968 Olympics.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

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Hanson, Christilot. Canadian Entry. Toronto, Clarke Irwin, 1966. 140p.

The autobiography of a girl who competed as part of Canada's equestrian team in the dressage event at the 1960 Olympic Games.

Larger than average print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Hoehling, Mary. The Real Sherlock Holmes: Arthur Conan Doyle. New York, Julian Messner, 1965. 191p.

A biography of a gifted and versatile man who is best remembered as the creator of the greatest detective in fiction.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Hoehling, A. A. Women Who Spied. New York, Dodd, Mead and Co., 1967. 204p.

True stories of women in espionage from the American Revolution to the present day.

Average size print. Some illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Hume, Ruth Fox. Florence Nightingale. New York, Random House, 1960. 184p.

A biography of the famous English nurse who saved thousands of lives during the Crimean War.

Large print. Illustrations by Robert Frankenberg.
Easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

Hunt, Jim. The Men in the Nets: Hockey's Tortured Heroes. Toronto, Ryerson, 1967. 133p.

Brief biographies and career highlights of several famous NHL goalies.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

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Jacobs, Linda. Cathy Rigby. On the Beam. St. Paul, Minnesota, EMC Corporation, 1975. 40p.

A brief biography of the California girl who became the first American gymnast to win a medal in an international competition and placed in two Olympic competitions.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 3-10.

Jacobs, Linda. Chris Evert, Tennis Pro. St. Paul, Minnesota, EMC Corporation, 1974. 40p.

A brief biography of the young, Florida tennis star who is noted for her coolness on the court.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 3-10.

Jacobs, Linda. Evonne Goolagong. Smiles and Smashes. St. Paul, Minnesota, EMC Corporation, 1975. 40p.

A biography of the Australian girl who won the Wimbledon tennis tournament in 1971, becoming one of the youngest players ever to become world champion.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 3-10-

Jacobs, Linda. Laura Baugh. Golf's Golden Girl. St. Paul, Minnesota, EMC Corporation, 1975. 40p.

A biography of the youngest winner in the history of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 3-10.

Knight, David C. Copernicus, Titan of Modern Astronomy. New York, Franklin Watts Inc., 1965. 232p.

A fine biography of the 15th century Polish astronomer.

Larger than average print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Levine, I. E. The Discoverer of Insulin: Dr. Frederick G. Banting. Toronto, Copp Clark, 1959. 184p.

A biography of the Canadian doctor who found the cure for diabetes.

Larger than average print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Libby, Bill. Rookie Goalie: Gerry Desjardins. New York, Julian Messner, 1970. 192p.

A biography of the star goalie of the Los Angeles Kings.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-10.

MacCabe, Eddie. Profile of a Pro. Scarborough, Ontario, 1969. 192p.

Biography and career highlights of Canadian football star Russ Jackson.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

McKown, Robin. Heroic Nurses. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1966. 320p.

Biographies of twelve outstanding nurses of various periods of history.

Average size print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Moffett, Martha. Great Women Athletes. New York, Platt and Munk, 1974. 92p.

Biographies and descriptions of the accomplishments of many modern women athletes in the fields of tennis, swimming, golf, skating, gymnastics, track, skiing, and equestrian sports.

Large print. Illustrations by Jerry McConnell and many photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

O'Brien, Andy. Rocket Richard. Toronto, Ryerson, 1961. 134p.

A well-written biography of a controversial but always outstanding hockey player.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrated with photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Peare, Catherine Owens. The Helen Keller Story. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell, 1959. 183p.

The biography of Helen Keller who, with the help of her teacher, Anne Sullivan Macy, overcame the handicaps of deafness and blindness.

Slightly larger than average print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Ritchie, C. T. Runner of the Woods. Toronto, Macmillan, 1966. 160p.

A biography of 17th century explorer, Pierre Radisson.

Large print. Illustrations by William Wheeler.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Scaduto, Anthony. Bob Dylan: An Intimate Biography. New York, Grosset and Dunlap, 1971. 280p.

A biography of the prominent singing star.

Small print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Seroff, Victor. Franz Liszt. New York, Macmillan, 1966. 152p.

A biography of a great concert pianist and composer.

Larger than average print. Many illustrations.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Seth, Ronald. Some of My Favorite Spies. Philadelphia, Chilton Book Co., 1968. 191p.

Biographies of nine men and three women spies of different lands and periods of history.

Average size print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Skinner, Cornelia Otis. Madame Sarah. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1966. 356p.

A biography of Sarah Bernhardt, the celebrated and tempestuous French actress.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8.
Interest Level: Grade 9-12.

Sootin, Harry. Robert Boyle. Founder of Modern Chemistry. New York, Franklin Watts, Inc., 1962. 133p.

The biography of the seventeenth century scientist who questioned many of the accepted scientific theories of his time.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Gustav Schrotter.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Stevenson, Augusta. Clara Barton, Girl Nurse. Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1962. 200p.

The biography of the woman who, in the 19th century, organized the American Red Cross and directed its activities for twenty-three years.

Large print. Illustrations by Frank Giacoia.
Easy vocabulary with glossary of words at back of book.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Thomas, Bob. Walt Disney: Magician of the Movies. New York, Grosset and Dunlap, 1966.

A well-written biography of the famous film-maker who is probably best known for his cartoon creations.

Larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Williams, Beryl and Samuel Epstein. The Great Houdini: Magician Extraordinary. New York, Julian Messner, 1950. 182p.

A biography of the famous magician and illusionist.

Slightly larger than average print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Zalewski, Ted. Bobby Hull: The Golden Jet, Mankato, Minnesota, Creative Education, 1974. 31p.

A biography of Bobby Hull up to the time of his signing with the Winnipeg Jets.

Large print. Illustrations by John Nelson.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-7.

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Haunted Houses, Monsters, and UFOs

Baumann, Elwood D. Bigfoot: America's Abominable Snowman. New York, Franklin Watts, 1975. 109p.

Presents evidence for the existence of the giant, apelike creatures which have been sighted in Canada, the Pacific Northwest, and many midwestern states.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs, drawings etc.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Bergier, Jacques et al. Extraterrestrial Intervention: The Evidence. Chicago, Henry Regnery, 1974. 164p.

Several authors contribute evidence to prove that hundreds of thousands of years ago, a civilization far more technically advanced than our own existed on Earth.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Chambers, Aidan. Aidan Chambers' Book of Ghosts and Hauntings. Harmondsworth, Middlesex, Longman Young Books, 1973. 144p.

The author classifies and describes four different types of ghosts, and supplies much information on spiritualism, problems of photographing ghosts, organizing a ghost hunt, and haunted houses in Great Britian and Ireland.

Small print. Illustrated with drawings by Antony Maitland and many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 28 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Clair, Colin. Human Curiosities. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1968. 183p.

Factual accounts of giants, dwarfs, strong men, phenomenal eaters, and human computers.

Average size print. Illustrated.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Cohen, Daniel. Monsters, Giants and Little Men from Mars. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1975. 242p.

The author explores various tall tales, legends, hoaxes and beliefs about monsters which some people still believe to exist.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs and drawings.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Costello, Peter. In Search of Lake Monsters. New York, Cowa-d, McCann and Geohegan, 1974. 354p.

The author reports on his investigations of various lake monsters such as the Loch Ness monster, Idaho's "Slimey Slim," Ireland's "Pooka" and Canada's "Ogopogo".

Average size print. Illustrated with drawings and photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Daniken, Erich von. The Gold of the Gods. London, Souvenir Press, 1973. 216p.

The author attempts to prove his theory that long ago Earth hosted extraterrestrial beings.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs and drawings etc.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Godwin, John. This Baffling World. New York, Hart, 1968. 412p.

The author describes a variety of great mysteries of history from the Man in the Iron Mask to the Loch Ness monster and the Abominable Snowman.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Gurney, Gene and Clare. Unidentified Flying Objects. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1970. 144p.

Descriptions of unexplained sightings of flying saucers and other UFO's.

Small print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 28 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Hunter, Don. Sasquatch. Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1973. 192p.

The author describes investigations into the existence of mysterious monsters believed to inhabit the Pacific Northwest.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Hyde, Margaret O. Mysteries of the Mind. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1972. 159p.

A discussion of various topics relating to the human mind, such as brainwashing, hypnosis, dreams, and extra-sensory perception.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Kettelkamp, Larry. Haunted Houses. New York, William Morrow, 1969. 95p.

The author describes and analyses ten documented cases of ghosts and poltergeists.

Large print. Illustrated by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Lore, Gordon I. R. and Harold H. Deneault. Mysteries of the Skies; UFOs in Perspective. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1968. 237p.

A fully documented account of UFOs, tracing their history from the earliest sightings in 1745 to the present day.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs, drawings, etc.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

McNally, Raymond T. A Clutch of Vampires. Greenwich, Connecticut, New York Graphic Society, 1974. 255p.

An anthology of vampire stories, many fictional, some reported to be factual accounts.

Average size print. Illustrated.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Mooney, Richard E. Colony: Earth. New York, Stein and Day, 1974. 251p.

A far-fetched but amusing work in which the author attempts to prove that Earth was originally colonized by beings from another universe.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Raddall, Thomas H. Footsteps on Old Floors. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1968. 239p.

A collection of six true mystery stories, including the Mary Celeste mystery and the Grey Owl hoax.

Small print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Ryan, Peter. UFOs and Other Worlds. Harmondsworth, Middlesex, England, Penguin Books, 1975. 48p.

An account of some of the more mysterious flying saucer reports and possible explanations for their appearance. Beautiful colour illustrations.

Average size print. Illustrations by Ludek Pesek.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Tackaberry, Andrew. Famous Ghosts, Phantoms, and Poltergeists for the Millions. New York, Bell, 1967. 160p.

The author describes all types of ghosts and includes accounts of two modern hauntings that have not been written about before.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Wild, Robin and Jocelyn. Monster Men and Beasts. London, Heinemann, 1975. 46p.

Descriptions of dinosaurs, dragons, giants, werewolves and many other monsters.

Large print. Illustrations by the authors.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-7.

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Wyckoff, James. The Lost Continent of Atlantis. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1968. 95p.

James Wyckoff emphatically believes that the continent of Atlantis did once exist, and reconstructs its story in this book.

Large print. Illustrations by Robert Sargent.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-10.

Addendum:

White, Dale. Is Something Up There? Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1968. 166p.

A study of unidentified flying objects. Some of the material duplicates that in the Gurneys' book.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrated with photographs and drawings.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Hobbies, Crafts, and the World of Entertainment

Baxter, John. Stunt. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1974. 320p.

The story of movie stunt men and their techniques from the early days of motion pictures to such recent works as Bullitt and The French Connection.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Beal, George. Codes, Ciphers and Secret Writing. London, Hamlyn, 1973. 77p.

In addition to material about codes and ciphers, this book also contains information about various types of signals and sign language.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 2-9.

Benjamin, Ranana. Origami for Everyone. Blauvelt, New York, Biograf Books, 1973. 128p.

A step by step guide, illustrated with photographs, to the art of paper folding. Designs range from very simple to very intricate.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Braverman, Bob and Bill Newmann. Here Is Your Hobby...Slot Car Racing. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1966. 128p.

A detailed, well-illustrated guide to competitive model car racing.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Clarens, Carlos. An Illustrated History of the Horror Film. New York, Capricorn Books, 1967. 256p.

A detailed, profusely illlustrated history of horror movies from around the world.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Davis, Brian. The Thriller. London, Studio Vista, 1973. 160p.

A study of the development of the suspense thriller movie from the 1940's to the present. Illustrated with many photographs from the movies described.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Epstein, Sam and Beryl. The First Book of Codes and Ciphers. New York, Franklin Watts, 1956. 64p.

An excellent introduction to secret codes with fascinating historical information about the use of codes in the past.

Large print. Illustrations by Laszlo Roth.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Frank, Alan G. Horror Movies. London, Octopus Books, 1974. 160p.

A profusely illustrated guide to horror movies.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

French, Philip. Westerns. London, Secker and Warburg, 1973. 176p.

A survey of changing trends in Western movies since 1945.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Gardner, Martin. Codes, Ciphers and Secret Writing. New York, Simon and Schuster, 1972. 96p.

The author begins with explanations of very simple codes and progresses to some very difficult ones. Descriptions of coding machines and formulas for making invisible ink are also included.

Small print. Illustrated with diagrams.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-12.

Hemphill, Paul. The Nashville Sound. New York, Simon and Schuster, 1970. 289p.

The story of the development of country music in the United States.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Hoff, Syd. The Art of Cartooning. New York, Stravon Educational Press, 1973. 224p.

A professional cartoonists offers advice on how to create and sell cartoons.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations include many examples of cartoons and comic strips.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 8-9.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Holland, Viki. How To Photograph Your World. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1974. 64p.

An excellent easy guide for the beginning photographer.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Holt, Michael and Ronald Ridout. The Big Book of Puzzles. London, Longman Young Books, 1972. 125p.

A well-illustrated collection of puzzles of various kinds ranging from easy to quite difficult. Answers are included.

Average size print. Illustrations by Peter Edwards.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-8.

Hunter, Norman. Norman Hunter's Book of Magic. London, Bodley Head, 1968. 125p.

A book of magic tricks, some of which are fairly complicated and will require a good deal of practice for successful results.

Average size print. Illustrations by Jill McDonald.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Ingman, Nicholas. The Story of Music. London, Ward Lock, 1972. 128p.

Lavishly illustrated history of music from prehistoric times to contemporary rock.

Average size print. Illustrations by Bernard Brett.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Jenkins, Alan C. Circuses Through the Ages. London, Chatto and Windus, 64p.

A fascinating history of the development of the circus from Roman chariot races and gladiator fights to the modern circus as we know it today.

Large print. Illustrations by Mark Peppé.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 27 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-9.

Kohn, Bernice. Secret Codes and Ciphers. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1971. 63p.

This book explores the puzzles of secret writing and codes, and shows how to solve simple substitition and transposition ciphers.

Large print. Illustrations by Frank Aloise.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Kominsky, Nancy Circelli. Instant Painting. Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1970. 65p.

An easy to follow guide to oil painting for beginners.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Lamb, Geoffrey. Your Book of Card Tricks. London, Faber and Faber, 1972. 52p.

A descriptive manual of card tricks of varying degrees of difficulty.

Average size print. Few illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Lassor, Robert. If I Had A Hammer. New York, Dutton, 1974. 76p.

A well-illustrated guide to simple woodworking projects with seven basic tools.

Small print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Manchel, Frank. Cameras West. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1971. 150p.

A well-written history of western movies from The Great Train Robbery to True Grit.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Manchel, Frank. When Pictures Began To Move. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1969. 76p.

An excellent account of the early days of movies.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Norman, Bruce. Secret Warfare. The Battle of Codes and Ciphers. Newton Abbot, Devon, England, David and Charles, 1973. 187p.

A history of codes and ciphers from the time of the Greeks to the present day, with the emphasis on secret intelligence as it has developed in this century.

Average size print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Paine, Brian. You Can Draw Rockets and Spacemen. Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, Cressrelles Publishing Co. Ltd., 1973. 30p.

A step by step guide for young readers to drawing astronauts, space vehicles, and even planetary landscapes.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Paine, Brian. You Can Draw The Seaside. Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, Cressrelles Publishing Co. Ltd., 1973. 30p.

A guide for young artists who want to draw beach scenes, boats, lighthouses, fish, and a variety of other things that can be seen by the sea or at the lake.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Reinfeld, Fred. Better Chess. London, Kaye and Ward Ltd., 1968. 95p.

An excellent easy-to-follow guide for anyone wishing to learn to play chess.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Shaw, Arnold. The Rock Revolution. Toronto, Collier-Macmillan Canada Ltd., 1969. 215p.

A history of rock music from Elvis Presley to the Beatles.

Average size print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Shaw, Arnold. The World of Soul. New York, Cowles Book Co., 1970. 306p.

Traces the evolution of American black music with emphasis on jazz and the blues.

Average size print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Shay, Arthur. What Happens at a Television Station. Chicago, Reilly and Lee Books, 1969. 32p.

A behind-the-scenes look at how a T.V. programme is produced and broadcast.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Sutton, Harry T. Models in Action. London, Evans Brothers, 1972. 48p.

A well-illustrated guide to making working models of a variety of things, including a Norman castle, a geyser that bubbles and erupts, and a lighthouse.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Targett, B. R. H. and M. C. Green. Space Age Craft. London, Harrap, 1967. 111p.

Easy to follow instructions for making models of objects that one might expect to find in outer space - from robots to fantastic space animals.

Large print. Illustrated with many drawings and photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-8.

Wade, John. The Trade of the Tricks. London, Hamish Hamilton, 1974. 127p.

The author, himself a professional magician, guides the reader through the development of magic, and describes the lives and performances of its great practitioners.

Average size print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Williams, Paul. Outlaw Blues. New York, Dutton, 1969. 191p.

A noted writer on rock music discusses his views on trends and developments in rock in the late 1960's.

Small print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Wyler, Rose and Gerald Ames. Magic Secrets. New York, Harper and Row, 1967. 64p.

A collection of easy to perform magic tricks for young magicians.

Large print. Illustrations by Talivaldis Stubis.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 7 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Weiss, Harvey. Lens and Shutter. Reading, Massachusetts, Young Scott Books, 1971. 120p.

A somewhat more detailed introduction to photography than that in Viki Holland's book.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Zaidenberg, Arthur. How to Draw People. New York, Vanguard Press, 1952. 60p.

An easy self-instruction book on drawing the human figure. Proportion, angles and gestures are explained simply.

Average size print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Zaidenberg, Arthur. How to Draw Prehistoric and Mythical Animals. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1967. 64p.

Through basic shapes and structures, the author shows how to draw a variety of dinosaurs, as well as such mythical creatures as dragons and unicorns.

Average size print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-8.

Indians of North America

Goble, Paul and Dorothy. Brave Eagle's Account of the Fetterman Fight, 21 December 1866. New York, Pantheon, 1972. 63p.

An account from the Indian point of view of the events of the worst defeat that the United States Army suffered at the hands of the Indians.

Average size print. Illustrations by Paul Goble.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Goble, Paul and Dorothy, Lone Bull's Horse Raid. London, Macmillan, 1973. 63p.

A young Sioux Indian tells of his experiences on a raiding party to steal horses from the neighbouring Crow Indians.

Average size print. Illustrations by Paul Goble.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Goble, Paul and Dorothy. Red Hawk's Account of Custer's Last Battle. London, Macmillan, 1969. 63p.

A vivid description of the battle of the Little Bighorn, fought on June 25, 1876, and here told from the point of view of an Indian warrior.

Average size print. Illustrations by the authors.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Gridley, Marion E. The Story of the Haida. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1972. 64p.

A colourfully illustrated description of the life style of the Haida Indians who lived on the Queen Charlotte Islands of British Columbia.

Large print. Illustrations by Robert Glaubke.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Hofsinde, Robert. The Indian Medicine Man. New York, William Morrow, 1966. 46p.

The author describes the work of medicine men from six tribal groups - Sioux, Iroquois, Apache, Navaho, Ojibwa, and Northwest Coast Indians - and presents interesting examples of each.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Hofsinde, Robert. Indian Picture Writing. New York, William Morrow, 1959. 96p.

The author presents 248 pictures taken from Indian picture writing, and also describes exploit markings - symbols of past victories which the Indian painted on himself and his horse before riding into battle.

Average size print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Hofsinde, Robert. The Indian's Secret World. New York, William Morrow, 1955. 96p.

The author explains the hidden meanings that items such as beaded moccasins, medicine pipes, and masks had for the Indians.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Hofsinde, Robert. Indian Sign Language. New York, William Morrow, 1956. 96p.

With concise text and more than two hundred illustrations, this book shows how to form the gestures representing over five hundred words in Indian sign language.

Average size print. Many illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Jacobson, Daniel. Great Indian Tribes. Maplewood, New Jersey, Hammond, 1970. 93p.

Good descriptions of the life styles of major tribes from the Mayas and Aztecs of Central and South America to the Eskimos of the Arctic.

Small print. Illustrations by Don Spaulding.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Moyer, John W. Famous Indian Chiefs. Northbrook, Illinois, Hubbard Press, 1972. 86p.

Biographies of eleven famous North American Indian chiefs. Magnificent colour portraits accompany each biography.

Large print. Illustrations by James L. Vlasaty.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-12.

Updike, Lee R. Our People: Indians of the Plains. Saskatoon, Prairie Books, 197?. 12p.

In words and pictures this pamphlet illustrates the way of life of five Indian tribes of the Canadian plains before the coming of the white man.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Science

Bear, John. Communication. London, Macdonald and Co., 1973. 48p.

The story of communication in all forms from primitive signs and symbols to the most sophisticated methods in existence. Includes excellent commentary on advertising and propaganda.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Branley, Franklyn M. The Nine Planets. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1958. 77p.

Good description, in simple terms, of the basic facts known about the planets of the solar system.

Large print. Illustrations by Helmut K. Wimmer.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Gale, Ramona-Anne. Prehistoric Life. London, Macdonald and Co., 1973. 48p.

An excellent description of prehistoric life from the simplest life forms to the appearance of man.

Small print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Geis, Darlene. Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Animals. New York, Grosset and Dunlap, 1959. 105p.

A well-written introduction to prehistoric animal life.

Large print. Many illustrations by R. F. Peterson.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Kaufman, Joe. Joe Kaufman's What Makes It Go? What Makes It Work? What Makes It Fly? What Makes It Float? New York, Golden Press, 1971. 95p.

In the form of stories and anecdotes, this book serves as an introduction to mechanics, and the concepts behind the mechanics of a variety of appliances, machines and vehicles.

Slightly larger than average print. Many illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Note: Most of the information is good, but the section on the jet engine is hopelessly out of date.

Lauber, Patricia. The Planets. New York, Random House, 1968. 136p.

The author gives a detailed description of each of the planets which make up our solar system, and speculates intelligently about the existence of other solar systems and life elsewhere in the universe.

Large print. Illustrations by John Polgreen.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Nourse, Alan E. The Giant Planets. New York, Franklin Watts Inc., 1974. 63p.

A study of the huge outer planets of our solar system: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Nourse, Alan E. Venus and Mercury. New York, Franklin Watts Inc., 1972. 68p.

A study of the two planets closest to the Sun.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Sullivan, George. Rise of the Robots. New York, Dodd, Mead and Co., 1971. 114p.

This book discusses a variety of sophisticated electro-mechanical devices which perform tasks in a manner similar to humans.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Tomas, Andrew. We Are Not the First. London, Souvenir Press, 1971. 224p.

According to the author, modern science has been merely a rediscovery of old knowledge. Penicillin was known in ancient Egypt. The Australian aborigines have practised blood transfusion since prehistoric times. Many other examples are given.

Average size print. Illustrated.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

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Sports

Allen, Maury. The Record Breakers. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1968. 213p.

Stories of fifteen great record-breaking accomplishments in sports, and the athletes who broke the records.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

The Best of Sports Illustrated. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1973. 213p.

An anthology of the best sports stories and photographs of 1972 selected from Sports Illustrated magazine for that year.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Bradley, Gordon and Clive Toye. Playing Soccer the Professional Way. New York, Harper and Row, 1973. 218p.

A complete illustrated guide to all the finer points of soccer.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs and drawings.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Brasher, Christopher. Munich 72. London, Stanley Paul, 1972. 152p.

An authoritative account of all the events at the Olympic Games in Munich in 1972.

Small print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Burke, Lynn and Don Smith. The Young Sportsman's Guide to Swimming. New York, Nelson, 1962. 96p.

A detailed guide, covering all the fundamentals of swimming and the important basic strokes.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Camp, Raymond R. The Young Sportsman's Guide to Canoeing. New York, Nelson, 1962. 96p.

A complete guide to all aspects of canoeing.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs and drawings.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Colby, C. B. First Bow and Arrow. New York, Coward-McCann, 1955. 48p.

An introduction to archery as a sport in itself and to hunting with bow and arrows.

Average size print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Currie, Gordon. 100 Years of Canadian Football. Toronto, Pagurian Press, 1968. 192p.

The story of football's first century in Canada, and the dramatic history of the Canadian Football League.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Dorwin, Tom and William Pearsall. The Young Sportsman's Guide to Water Skiing. New York, Nelson, 1961. 96p.

Ski selection, basic instruction for beginners, choosing the right boat, hand signals for skiers, safety procedures, and trick skiing are all covered in this guide.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Engel, Lyle Kenyon et al. The Indianapolis 500. New York, Four Winds Press, 1970. 223p.

A well-illustrated history of the famous Indianapolis 500 auto race from 1911 - 1969.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Fischler, Stan. The Blazing North Stars. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1972. 144p.

Outstanding games and players of the Minnesota North Stars hockey team.

Large print. Many photographs by Dan Baliotti and Bob Rush.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-12.

Fischler, Stan. The Fast-Flying Wings. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1972. 144p.

Profusely illustrated account of the career of Detroit's famous hockey team.

Large print. Photographs by Dan Baliotti and Bob Rush.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-12.

Fischler, Stan. Hockey's Greatest Teams. Chicago, Henry Regnery Co., 1973. 219p.

The rise and fall of some of the great teams of the NHL.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Fischler, Stan. Saga of the St. Louis Blues. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1972. 144p.

Highlights of many of the Blues' hockey games in words and photographs.

Large print. Many photographs by Lew Portnoy and Bob Kolbrener.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-12.

Francis, Emile. The Secrets of Winning Hockey. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1972. 108p.

The coach and general manager of the New York Rangers describes successful hockey strategies and techniques.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Frayne, Trent and Peter Gzowski. Great Canadian Sports Stories. Toronto, Canadian Centennial Publishing Co., 1965. 128p.

A collection of factual reports and stories of major sports events and famous athletes.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Girardi, Wolfgang. Olympic Games. London, Collins, 1972. 128p.

Highlights of the Olympic games from their origins in ancient times to the modern Olympics. Lavishly illustrated with photographs, many in colour.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Gitler, Ira. Blood on the Ice. Toronto, Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 1974. 258p.

An analysis of violence as an integral part of ice hockey.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Guiney, David. The Dunlop Book of the Olympics. Lavenham, Suffolk, England, Eastland Press, 1972.

A collection of stories dealing with unusual, humourous and tragic happenings of the Olympic Games from 1896 to 1968.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Halacy, Dan. Soaring. Philadelphia, Lippincott, 1972. 32p.

Describes the aircraft and the techniques used in gliding and soaring.

Large print. Colour photographs by James Tallon.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

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Hall, Douglas Kent. Let'Er Buck! New York, Dutton, 1973. 230p.

A detailed, behind-the-scenes look at the glamour and dangers of the rodeo world.

Small print. Some illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Henderson, Dion. Here Is Your Hobby...Hunting. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1963. 128p.

A guide to hunting mostly small game with a rifle or handgun. Conservation as a factor in hunting is considered.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Hinkson, Jim. Box Lacrosse. Dent (Canada) Ltd., 1974. 114p.

All aspects of lacrosse are discussed in this detailed guide to the sport.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs and diagrams.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Joseph, James. Here Is Your Hobby...Snowmobiling. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1972. 96p.

A helpful guide to getting the best use and most enjoyment from snowmobiles. Includes information on selecting a snowmobile, proper clothing, and safety factors.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary. A
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Kozuki, Russell. Competing in Karate. New York, Sterling Publishing Co., 1974. 112p.

A book for the student who has mastered the basic techniques of karate and feels ready to proceed to competition.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Libby, Bill. Great Stanley Cup Playoffs. New York, Random House, 1972. 153p.

Excellent descriptions of outstanding games and players from the 1920's to the 1970's.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Liss, Howard. Hockey Talk for Beginners. New York, Julian Messner, 1973. 95p.

An alphabetically arranged, well-illustrated dictionary of hockey terms, ideal for anyone who is new to the game.

Average size print. Illustrations by Frank Robbins.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Liss, Howard. Strange But True Hockey Stories. New York, Random House, 1972. 149p.

A collection of eighteen true stories of unusual events and eccentric players.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Nolan, William F. Carnival of Speed. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1973. 192p.

True adventures from the world of motor racing.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Orr, Frank. The Story of Hockey. New York, Random House, 1971. 143p.

A lively history of the development of hockey in Canada, with many anecdotes of games and players.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Parker, Ed. Secrets of Chinese Karate. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1963. 239p.

An excellent and very complete introduction to karate. Training methods, exercises, historical highlights, and the etiquette of karate are discussed fully.

Average size print. Illustrated with many drawings.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Radlauer, Ed et al. Ready, Get Set, Whoa! Chicago, Childrens Press, 1974. 32p.

Photographs and simple text illustrate the basic techniques of horseback riding.

Large print. Illustrated with colour photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-7.

Ronberg, Gary. The Ice Men. New York, Crown, 1973. 256p.

An inside look at hockey - superstars, goaltenders, referees, heroes, villains, general managers, game strategy etc.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Sinden, Harry. Hockey Showdown. Toronto, Doubleday, 1972. 126p.

A game-by-game account of the Canada-Russia hockey series of 1972.

Larger than average print. Illustrated with photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Sommerville, Tedd. Canadian Football. Agincourt, Ontario, Sportbook Ltd., 1974. 214p.

Guidelines to coaching, playing, and enjoying Canadian football at all levels. Details Canadian football practices as opposed to the U. S. version of the game.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs and drawings.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Tegner, Bruce. Judo for Fun. Ventura, California, Thor Publishing Co., 1970. 128p.

A practical well-illustrated manual which explains techniques from the beginner's level up to the equivalent of brown belt level.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Tommasi, Tommaso. From Indianapolis to Le Mans. Derbibooks Inc., 1974. 239p.

Lavishly illustrated review of ten of the world's leading motor racing circuits.

Large print. 249 full colour photographs.
144 black and white illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Vecsey, George ed. The Way It Was. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1974. 255p.

Twelve factual reports of major sports events in boxing, baseball, hockey, football, and basketball.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Wild Animals and Pets

Adamson, Joy. Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds. London, Collins and Harvill, 1960. 160p.

The fascinating story of Elsa, the lioness, whom the author and her husband looked after for four years.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 7-8
Interest Level: Grade 7-12

Adrian, Mary. Honeybee Tells Honeybee. Holiday House, 1960. 51p.

Many fascinating facts about bees are presented in narrative form in this well-written and well-illustrated book.

Large print. Illustrations by Barbara Latham.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 1-5

Bevans, Michael H. The Book of Reptiles and Amphibians. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1956. 87p.

A lavishly and colourfully illustrated volume on snakes, lizards, turtles, alligators, frogs, toads, and salamanders.

Average size print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-9

Bond, Gladys Baker. Album of Cats. Chicago, Rand McNally, 1971. 64p.

Many breeds of domestic cat are described and illustrated in colour in this collection.

Average size print. Illustrations by Marge Opitz Burridge.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Bridges, William. The Bronx Zoo Book of Wild Animals. New York, Golden Press, 1968. 304p.

An illustrated encyclopedia of animal life, covering mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians of the world.

Small print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 3-12

Brockel, Ray. The True Book of Tropical Fishes. Chicago, Children's Press, 1956. 47p.

An illustrated guide to tropical fish and aquarium maintenance.

Large print. Illustrations by Rocco Dante Navigato.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words
Reading Level: Grade 2-3
Interest Level: Grade 1-6

Brown, Philip. Uncle Whiskers. London, Andre Deutsch, 1974. 88p.

The author tells the true story of his own cat who, in spite of having one front leg amputated and the other front leg left useless after an accident, lived a happy and successful life.

Small print. Illustrations by Eric Tansley.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Buck, Frank. On Jungle Trails. St. Louis, Webster Division, McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1962. 106p.

A collection of exciting true stories of wild jungle animals by the world authority who captured many live animals for zoos, circuses and parks. The collection has been adapted by Ardis E. Burton.

Large print. Some illustrations in black and white.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-7

Burgess, Robert F. The Sharks. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1970. 159p.

In addition to describing various types of sharks, the author relates the history of man's fear of sharks, the myths that have been made up about them, and the value of studying them.

Average size print. Illustrated with many drawings and photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words
Reading Level: Grade 5
Interest Level: Grade 4-12

Case, Marshal T. Look What I Found! Riverside, Connecticut, Chatham Press, 1971. 95p.

The author describes how to look after many kinds of insects, marine animals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals which may be kept as "short-term" pets, and also mentions certain animals which should not be removed from the wild.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs and drawings.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words
Reading Level: Grade 4-5
Interest Level: Grade 3-9

Colby, C.B. The First Book of Animal Signs. New York, Franklin Watts Inc., 1966. 90p.

A guide to identifying signs of animal life from tracks, marks on trees, and various other means.

Average size print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-9

Cook, Joseph J. and William L. Wisner. The Nightmare World of the Shark. New York, Dodd, Mead & Co., 1968. 96p.

The author describes various species of shark and discuss the challenge of shark fishing, various methods of capturing sharks, and sharks in myth, literature and art.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs and diagrams.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words
Reading Level: Grade 5-6
Interest Level: Grade 4-12

Cooper, Kay. A Chipmunk's Inside-Outside World. New York, Julian Messner, 1973. 63p.

A description of the life of a chipmunk, illustrated with excellent black and white photographs by Alvin E. Staffan.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words
Reading Level: Grade 3-4
Interest Level: Grade 2-7

Cousteau, Jacques. Attack and Defense. New York, World Publishing Co., 1973. 144p.

Methods of attack and defense used by all kinds of undersea creatures. This volume is one of The Ocean World of Jacques Costeau series.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 4-12

Cousteau, Jacques. Invisible Messages. New York, World Publishing Co., 1973. 144p.

A beautifully illustrated and fascinating study of how sea animals and fish communicate with their own species. This volume is one of The Ocean World of Jacques Cousteau series.

Large print. Many illustrations.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words
Reading Level: Grade 6-7
Interest Level: Grade 4-12

Creative Educational Society. Reptiles We Know. Chicago, Childrens Press, 1973. 32p.

Descriptions, accompanied by colour photographs, of the timber rattlesnake, pilot blacksnake, painted turtle, horned lizard, alligator, and garter snake.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Eberle, Irmengarde. Pandas Live Here. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1973. 61p.

A description of the life of giant pandas in the wild and in captivity.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-9.

Evans, Anthony. Your Book of Aquaria. London, Faber and Faber, 1971. 62p.

The absence of colour illustrations may make this book less appealing to the aquarium enthusiast, but it is useful as a beginner's guide to the hobby of keeping aquatic animals and plants.

Average size print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 27 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Frisch, Otto von. Animal Camouflage. London, Collins, 1973. 128p.

A detailed, sometimes quite technical, description of how various members of the animal world can successfully conceal themselves in their surroundings.

Average size print. Illustrated with many colour photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Galand, Paul. Animal Oddities. London, Hart-Davis, 1973. 16p.

Volume 4 of the Record Holders in the Animal World Series.

The author looks at some unusual animals which are record holders in the sense that each of them can do some strange thing that no other animal can do.

Large print. Illustrations by Ghislaine Joos.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Galand, Paul. Lifespan. London, Hart-Davis, 1973. 16p.

The author describes certain reptiles, fish, birds and mammals which are notable for their amazingly long lifespans.

Large print. Illustrations by Ghislaine Joos.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Galand, Paul. Size. London, Hart-Davis, 1973. 16p.

Volume 1 in the Record Holders in the Animal World Series.

The author descirbes the largest mammals, birds, reptiles, and fish in existence.

Large print. Illustrations by Ghislaine Joos.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Garelick, May. About Owls. New York, Four Winds Press, 1975. 39p.

Describes the characteristics and habits of various species of owls.

Large print. Illustrations by Tony Chen.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Garfinkel, Bernard. Marvelous Creatures. New York, Platt and Munk, 1972. 60p.

An excellent introductory guide to many aspects of the animal world, with a wide variety of colour photographs of common and unusual animals.

Large print. Photographs by Meryl Joseph.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Gilbert, Miriam. Science - Hobby Book of Aquariums. Minneapolis, Lerner Publications Co., 1968. 47p.

Advice on how to set up either a fresh-water or salt-water aquarium, with descriptions of plants, fish, etc.

Small print. Illustrations by Charles J. Mazoujian, Barbara H. Omlick and Herbert Pierce.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9

Gilbert, Miriam. The Science - Hobby Book of Terrariums. Minneapolis, Lerner Publications Co., 1973. 47p.

A detailed, well-illustrated guide to setting up a terrarium and keeping a variety of animals and plants in it.

Small print. Illustrations by Walter Ferguson, Elizabeth L. Hammell, Charles J. Mazoujian and Isabelle Reid.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Gross, Ruth Belov. Snakes. New York, Four Winds Press, 1973. 63p.

Describes the habits and behaviour of some common snakes that are found chiefly in the United States and Canada including four poisonous kinds.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs and drawings.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Gurney, Eric. How to Live with a Pampered Pet. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1965. 128p.

A hilarious, well-illustrated "history" of pet animals from the Garden of Eden to the present.

Average size print. Cartoon illustrations by Eric Gurney.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Headstrom, Richard. Lizards as Pets. Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott, 1971. 160p.

Twenty-six species of lizard are described in this book, with instructions on how to look after them in captivity.

Small print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Henry, Marguerite. Album of Dogs. Chicago, Rand McNally, 1970. 64p.

Descriptions and illustrations of twenty-six of the most popular breeds of dogs.

Average size print. Illustrations by Wesley Dennis.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Henry, Marguerite. Album of Horses. Chicago, Rand McNally, 1951. 109p.

Beautifully illustrated and well-written descriptions of many different breeds of horses.

Average size print. Illustrations by Wesley Dennis.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Hess, Lilo. The Curious Raccoons. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1968. 47p.

In photographs and words, the author follows the adventures of four inquisitive raccoons - a mother and three kits.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-9.

Hogner, Dorothy. Odd Pets. New York, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1951. 166p.

Advice on how to care for unusual pets including insects, reptiles, and some mammals and birds.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Huntington, Harriet E. Let's Look at Reptiles. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 108p.

Photographs in black and white and colour, drawings, and descriptions of various species of lizards, crocodiles, alligators, turtles, and snakes.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Keller, George. Here, Keller - Train This. New York, Random House, 1961. 246p.

The true story of a man who gave up his career as a college professor to fulfil his life's ambition - to become a wild animal trainer.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Liers, Emil E. An Otter's Story. New York, Viking, 1953. 191p.

The true story of the lives of two otters and their parents and cubs.

Small print. Illustrations by Tony Palazzo.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Paysan, Klaus. Aquarium Fish from Around the World. Minneapolis, Lerner Publications Co., 1970. 108p.

Excellent colour photographs and brief descriptions of many varieties of aquarium fish.

Large print. Photographs by the author.
Sketches by Angela Paysan.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Ricciuti, Edward R. Shelf Pets: How to Take Care of Small Wild Animals. New York, Harper and Row, 1971. 132p.

A very complete guide to the acquisition and care of such pets as frogs, toads, salamanders, snakes, lizards, turtles, etc.

Slightly larger than average print. Many photographs by Arline Strong.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-10.

Rockett, Bernard W. Whales and Dolphins. Harmondsworth, Middlesex, England, Penguin Books, 1975. 48p.

A well-written and beautifully illustrated description of these fascinating and highly intelligent mammals.

Average size print. Illustrations by Patrick Oxenham.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Selsam, Millicent E. How Kittens Grow. New York, Four Winds Press, 1973. 32p.

A photographic essay describing four kittens' first eight weeks of life.

Large print. Photographs by Esther Bubley.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Shannon, Terry and Charles Payzant. Zoo Safari: The New Look in Zoos. San Carlos, California, Golden Gate Junior Books, 1971. 80p.

Profusely illustrated description of the world's best zoos in which wild animals live in conditions as closely resembling their natural habitats as possible.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Shuttlesworth, Dorothy E. Gerbils and Other Small Pets. New York, Dutton, 1970. 130p.

Helpful advice on how to keep gerbils, hamsters, squirrels, mice, rats, guinea pigs and rabbits as pets and how to care for and enjoy them.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Silverstein, Alvin and Virginia. Guinea Pigs: All About Them. New York, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1972. 96p.

In addition to advice on keeping guinea pigs as pets, this book provides an interesting look at some unusual relations in the guinea pig family.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Silverstein, Alvin and Virginia. Hamsters: All About Them. New York, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1974. 126p.

A complete manual of information on the care, feeding and housing of these agreeable pets.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Surdival, Gwyneth. Horses. London, Franklin Watts, 1974. 48p.

A well-illustrated introduction to many different breeds of horses, and how they are used in work and sports.

Large print. Illustrations by T. Crosby Smith.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Villiard, Paul. Reptiles as Pets. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1969. 189p.

A guide to keeping snakes, turtles, and lizards as pets.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Webb, Clifford. Strange Creatures. London, Frederick Warne and Co., 1963. 60p.

Descriptions of some strange and often beautiful creatures from the world of animals, birds, reptiles, fish and insects.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Weiss, Waltraud. Keeping an Aquarium. Guildford, Lutterworth Press, 1973. 45p.

A guide to preparing an aquarium and looking after various types of fish.

Larger than average print. Many illustrations and photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Wings and Wheels

Barker, Ronald and Douglas B. Tubbs. In the Age of Motoring. New York, Viking, 1971. 87p.

Beautiful full-colour illustrations and brief descriptive text are used in this collection of the greatest cars of American and European design from 1900 - 1940.

Small print. Illustrations by Pierre Dumont.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Carter, Ernest F. Veteran Cars. London, Burke Books, 1972. 144p.

An introduction to the technicalities and achievements of cars that are now antiques.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs and drawings.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Clymer, Floyd. A Treasury of Motorcycles of the World. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1965. 238p.

A profusely illustrated description of every possible aspect of motorcycles and motorcyling.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Colby, C. B. Chute! New York, Coward, McCann and Geohegan, 1973. 48p.

The story of the development of parachutes and their use in defence and sport.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Colby, C. B. Jets of the World. New York, Coward, McCann and Geohegan, 1966. 48p.

Photographs and descriptions of jet planes of Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Dwiggins, Don. The Air Devils. Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott, 1966. 226p.

The story of dare-devils of the sky, from hot-air balloonists of the 18th century to jet aerobatics teams of the 1960's.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Dwiggins, Don. The Sky Is Yours. Chicago, Childrens Press, 1973. 80p.

Explores the many careers and hobbies open in general aviation and discusses the principles and challenges of building and flying a plane.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs and drawings.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Galand, Paul. Speed. London, Hart-Davis, 1973. 16p.

This is Volume 2 in the Record Holders in the Animal World Series.

The author identifies the fastest fish, birds, and land animals.

Large print. Illustrations by Ghislaine Joos.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Jackson, Robert B. Cars Against the Clock. New York, Henry Z. Walck Inc., 1971. 64p.

An account of the cars and their drivers that have been officially the fastest in the world from 1898 to 1965.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-12.

Jackson, Robert B. Classic Cars. New York, Henry Z. Walck Inc., 1973. 63p.

Descriptions of fourteen great classic cars of the 1920's and 1930's.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Jackson, Robert B. Sports Cars. (Revised Edition). New York, Henry Z. Walck Inc., 1972. 58p.

A well-written, easy introduction to the mechanisms and uses of sports cars, with descriptions of some particular models.

Large print. Many photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

King, H. F. The World's Fighters. London, The Bodley Head, 1971. 128p.

Well-illustrated descriptions of fighter planes from World War I to the present.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 28 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Larsen, Egon. Hovercraft and Hydrofoils Work Like This. London, Dent, 1970. 62p.

An introduction to two recently developed forms of transport.

Small print. Many illustrations by Charles Green.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 29 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Lawrie, Robin. Motorway Monsters. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1974. 32p.

An illustrated description of how highways are built and the machines that build them. Uses some British terminology, e.g. "lorry" rather than "truck".

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Lawrie, Robin. Two-Wheel Wonder. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1973. 32p.

A well-illustrated, easy-to-understand guide to motorcycles - how they work and how to ride them properly.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-10.

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Lent, Henry B. The X Cars. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1971. 127p.

Descriptions and photographs of many handcrafted experimental cars, built to test new designs or mechanical features.

Average size print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Radlauer, Edward. Flying Mania. Chicago, Children's Press, 1974. 32p.

Colour photographs and simple text illustrate various vehicles used for flying such as the hot air balloon, glider, model plane, racing plane, and others.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Radlauer, Edward. Motorcycle Challenge. Chicago, Children's Press, 1971. 67p.

An enjoyable motorcycle racing story. A glossary-index of motorcycle terms appears at the end of the book.

Large print. Illustrated with drawings and colour photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Radlauer, E. and R. S. Racing on the Wind. New York, Franklin Watts Inc., 1974. 48p.

Descriptions and colour photographs of various types of land, water, and air vehicles that are moved by wind power.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-9.

Radlauer, Edward. Wild Wheels. Chicago, Childrens Press, 1974. 32p.

Colour photographs and simple text introduce different kinds of wheels used on racing vehicles.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Sports Cars of the World. Los Angeles, Petersen Publishing Co., 1972. 192p.

Detailed descriptions of famous sports cars of the past and present. Includes much information about championship winners.

Small print. Illustrated with many photographs and drawings.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Yerkow, Charles. Here is Your Hobby...Motorcycling. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1973. 128p.

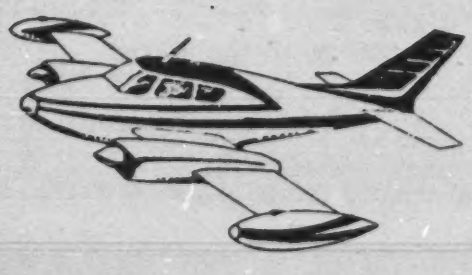
A very complete guide to motorcycling with emphasis on riding safely and keeping the machine in efficient operating condition.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Yerkow, Charles. Motorcycles. How They Work. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1971. 96p.

An informative guide to how a motorcycle works, and also to riding it on various types of terrain.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs and drawings.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.



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The World at War

Allen, Kenneth. The Story of Gunpowder. London, Wayland, 1973. 196p.

This book traces the history of gunpowder and the effect it has had on the world from its use in ancient times to the modern age when high explosives have made it obsolete.

Larger than average print. Many illustrations.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Colby, C. B. Arms of Our Fighting Men. New York, Coward, McCann and Geohegan, 1972.

Descriptions of modern U. S. Army weapons from sidearms and rifles to tanks and missiles.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Colby, C. B. Civil War Weapons. New York, Coward- McCann, 1962. 48p.

Descriptions of weapons used in the American Civil War from swords and pikes to revolvers, rifles, and cannons.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Colby, C. B. Firearms by Winchester. New York, Coward-McCann, 1957. 48p.

The history of the famous Winchester rifles, and a description of the modern process of manufacturing the firearms.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Colby, C. B. Frogmen. New York, Coward-McCann Inc., 1954. 48p.

A description of the training, equipment and operations of the United States Navy's undersea fighters.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Funcken, Liliane and Fred. Arms and Uniforms 18th Century to the Present Day. London, Ward Lock, 1967. 156p.

Outstanding colour illustrations of uniforms and weapons are the highlights of this book which also includes descriptions of warfare in all the periods mentioned.

Average size print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Glubok, Shirley. Knights in Armor. New York, Harper and Row, 1969. 48p.

In addition to descriptions of the way of life of the knights of the Middle Ages, the author focuses on many varieties of European armour and weapons.

Large print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Hoare, Robert. World War One. London, Macdonald and Co., 1973. 64p.

An excellent pictorial history of the war. Includes information on weapons, aircraft, air aces etc.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Hobbs, Michael. One Day in World War II. Brighton, England, Robert Tyndall, 1974, 48p.

An account of one day in Britain during 1940 when the German bombing raids began.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs and drawings.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Hofsinde, Robert. Indian Warriors and Their Weapons. New York, William Morrow and Co., 1965. 96p.

The author describes the weapons, clothes, charms, and methods of fighting of seven American Indian tribes.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

O'Brian, Patrick. Men-Of-War. London, Collins, 1974. 76p.

A description of the fighting ships of the British Navy in the 18th century, and of the lives of the men who sailed in them.

Small print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 26 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 6-12.

Peterson, Harold L. A History of Firearms. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1961. 62p.

A well illustrated description of the origin and development of guns and rifles.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by Daniel D. Feaser.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 7-12.

Snyder, Louis L. The First Book of World War II. New York, Franklin Watts, 1958. 95p.

A good introductory work on World War II, written in an easy to read narrative style. Its major drawback is an undue emphasis on America's part in winning the war.

Large print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Southall, Ivan. Seventeen Seconds. Hodder and Stoughton (Australia), 1974. 139p.

The story of the Australian soldiers who volunteered for mine-disposal work in Britian during World War II, and who were detailed to dismantle the deadly acoustic mines with seventeen seconds to blast-off if they made one false move.

Small print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 6-7.
Interest Level: Grade 5-10.

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Miscellaneous

Adams, John comp. That's One for the Book! Copper Press, 1974. 128p.

Illustrated with appropriate cartoons, this is a collection of excerpts from humorous Motor Vehicle Accident Report Statements.

Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Bailey, John comp. Great Cartoons of the World. New York, Crown, 1970. 144p.

A collection of outstanding cartoons of international appeal. The present volume is Series Four in the collection.

Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Batchelor, Julie Forsyth and Claudia de Lys. Superstitious? Here's Why! New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1954. 129p.

Fascinating explanations of many common superstitions such as why Friday the thirteenth is considered unlucky, or why a rabbit's foot is supposed to bring luck.

Average size print. Illustrations by Erik Blegvad.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Brading, Tilla. Pirates and Buccaneers. London, Wayland Publishers, 1974. 96p.

The story of pirates and buccaneers throughout history, from the early Mediterranean pirates to modern airplane hijackers.

Large print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-12.

Brown, Billye Walker and Walter R. Brown. Historical Catastrophes: Earthquakes. Reading, Massachusetts, Addison-Wesley, 1974. 192p.

Discusses major earthquakes throughout history and the means developed to measure their force.

Large print. Illustrated with photographs, drawings etc.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

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Brown, Raymond Lamont. A Book of Superstitions. New York, Taplinger Publishing Co., 1970. 123p.

A study of superstitions associated with colours, numbers, birds, flowers, weddings, professions, and symbols.

Small print. Illustrations by Ernest Petts.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Colby, C. B. F.B.I.; How the G-Men Use Science As Well As Weapons to Combat Crime. New York, Coward, McCann and Geohagen, 1970. 48p.

A description of both scientific methods and combat techniques used by the F.B.I. in crime detection.

Average size print. Illustrated with many photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 27 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Ellison, Virginia H. The Pooh Get-Well Book. Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1973. 82p.

Based on the Winnie the Pooh books of A. A. Milne, this is a collection of riddles, puzzles, recipes, and activities to help convalescent young people recover from "wheezles and sneezles".

Average size print. Illustrations by Ernest H. Shepard.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Fowles, John. Shipwreck. London, Janathan Cape, 1974. 48p.

In text and photographs, this book dramatically presents some of the disastrous shipwrecks which have occurred on the coast of Cornwall.

Average size print. Illustrated with photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Glovach, Linda. The Little Witch's Black Magic Cookbook. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1972. 48p.

A collection of easy to prepare receipes using simple and inexpensive ingredients. Suggestions for parties and special celebrations are also included.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Hart, Harold H. Physical Feats That Made History. New York, Hart, 1974. 388p.

A fascinating collection of accounts of physical feats of great strength, speed or stamina, such as a man who, in 1764, walked 50 miles in seven hours, and Canadian strong man, Louis Cyr, who in 1891 outpulled four workhorses.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Hoyle, Geoffrey. 2010: Living in the Future. New York, Parents' Magazine Press, 1973. 63p.

Describes one possible version of the streamlined, automated world of 2010 where beds are built into the floor, students attend school via vision phone, and groceries and dinners are ordered and delivered by computer.

Large print. Illustrated by Alasdair Anderson.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Jeffreys, Steven. Tourney and Joust. London, Wayland Publishers, 1973. 96p.

An elaborately illustrated book which traces the history of the medieval tournament from its beginnings as a violent free-for-all to the courtly pageant.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

McCormick, Donald. The Master Book of Spies. New York, Franklin Watts, 1974. 190p.

The story of spies both real and fictional - their lives, deaths, escapes, interrogations, tortures, etc. Includes information on ciphers and codes.

Average size print. Many illustrations and photographs.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

McHargue, Georgess. Mummies. Philadelphia, Lippincott, 1972. 160p.

This book describes the preservation of bodies after death by natural and artificial means.

Large print. Illustrated with drawings and photographs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Miller, W. All Thumbs. Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1967. 94p.

A collection of Warren Miller's best cartoons from the New Yorker magazine.

Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-12.

Pike, E. Royston. The World's Strangest Customs. London, Odhams Books Ltd., 1966.

A look at strange customs all over the world - including cannibalism, head-hunting, ritual suicide, etc.

Small print. Illustrated with photographs and drawings.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 22 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

Ralphs, D. H. A First Look at Heraldry. London, Franklin Watts, 1973. 48p.

A colourful introduction to understanding designs on shields and banners.

Large print. Many illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-9.

Rees, Ennis. Riddles, Riddles Everywhere. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1973. 127p.

A good collection of amusing riddles in rhyme with answers included.

Large print. Illustrations by Quentin Blake.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Rich, Louise Dickson. The First Book of the Vikings. New York, Franklin Watts, 1962. 66p.

A well-written account of the Vikings' way of life, at sea and on land.

Large print. Illustrations by Lili Réthi.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 4-9.

Ulyatt, Kenneth. The Day of the Cowboy. Harmondsworth, Middlesex, England, Puffin Books, 1973. 48p.

A short history of the cowboy from the time the Spanish Conquistadors brought the first cattle to the Americas to the end of the 19th century.

Average size print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Unstead, R. J. Living in a Castle. London, A. and C. Black, 1971. 45p.

A well-illustrated account of life in a castle during the Middle Ages.

Large print. Illustrations by Victor Ambrus.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Unstead, R. J. Living in a Crusader Land. London, A. and C. Black, 1971. 45p.

Simply written but detailed and well-illustrated descriptions of why the crusades took place, the knights who took part in them, their weapons and armour etc.

Large print. Illustrations by Victor Ambrus.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Unstead, R. J. Living in a Medieval City. London, A. and C. Black, 1971. 45p.

Using the city of Florence as an example, the author describes all aspects of life in the city during the 15th century.

Large print. Illustrations by Ron Stenberg.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Unstead, R. J. The Thirties. London, Macdonald and Co., 1974. 64p.

A lavishly illustrated history of world events in the years 1930-1939. Covers everything from the Depression to the Spanish Civil War, the Hitler Youth Movement - even fads and fashions.

Small print.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 5-12.

West, Tom. Heroes on Horseback. London, Blackie, 1969. 160p.

The true story of the Pony Express and some of its famous riders in the United States.

Large print. Illustrations included.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-9.

Introduction to Picture Books Section

(See also the General Introduction to the complete bibliography.) The titles in this division represent a selection of materials intended mostly for use with children in the primary grades. Although illustrations are a predominant feature of interest in these picture books, there are varying quantities of accompanying text, and in some cases it is possible to find an overlap with materials which are classed as fiction, particularly in this bibliography, since many fiction materials are illustrated, also in varying quantities.

It should be noted that many of the titles listed here do not contain a controlled vocabulary (in the sense of words used in them having been selected from vocabulary lists for specified grades). In this event, it is to be hoped that the suggested reading and interest levels will be useful in estimating the appropriate range for which the titles can be used.

Picture Books

Ambrus, Victor G. The Sultan's Bath. New York, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1971. 24p.

Gul-Baba the gardener is thrown into prison after it is discovered that he has stolen the sultan's bath water to water the garden, but the story ends happily for both Gul-Baba and the sultan.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Ambrus, Victor G. The Three Poor Tailors. London, Oxford, 1965. 23p.

Based on a Hungarian folk-tale, the story recounts the misadventures of three tailors as they travel by nanny goat around their own town.

Large print, fine coloured illustrations.
Few words longer than two syllables but some fairly long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Anderson, Hans Christian. The Nightingale. New York, Harper and Row, 1965. 33p.

The classic fairy tale of the nightingale whose song brought so much happiness to the Chinese emperor and eventually saved him from death.

Large print. Outstanding illustrations by Nancy Ekholm Burkert.
Some difficult words in vocabulary.
Sentences of varying length.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 5.

Anderson, Hans Christian. The Ugly Duckling. New York, Scribner's, 1965.

The tale of the duckling who was rejected by everyone until he grew into a swan.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by Adrienne Adams.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Sentences of varying length.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Anderson, C. W. Blaze and the Lost Quarry. New York, Macmillan, 1966. 47p.

Billy and his pony Blaze visit an abandoned quarry and rescue a lost dog.

Large print. Good full-page illustrations in black and white.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Anderson, Lonzo. Two Hundred Rabbits. New York, Viking, 1968. 32p.

A boy who wants to entertain the king leads a parade of two hundred rabbits who march in perfect formation.

Large print. Amusing colour illustrations.
Some words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Anderson, Neil. Freckle Face. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E. M. Hale and Co., 1957. 33p.

A simple and appealing story of a little girl who wishes she could get rid of her freckles, until she learns that perhaps freckles are not so unattractive after all.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 3-6.

Anglund, John Walsh. The Brave Cowboy. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1959.

The vivid imagination of a little boy who pictures himself as a cowboy confronting all kinds of dangerous situations provides plenty of humour, particularly in the illustrations.

Large print.
Simple vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Anglund, Joan Walsh. In A Pumpkin Shell. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1960.

An ABC book in which each letter is accompanied by a nursery rhyme and very appealing illustrations.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Reading Level: Grade 1-2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Ardizzone, Edward. Peter the Wanderer. London, Oxford University Press, 1963.

Peter, a small boy who lives near the sea, outwits three villains and helps an old sailor to find a treasure-chest.

Large print. Good illustrations.
Some words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Ardizzone, Edward. Tim All Alone. London, Oxford, 1956. 46p.

Tim, returning from holidays, finds his home abandoned, and no sign of his parents. He joins a ship's company as a cabin boy and has many adventures, including a shipwreck, before he is reunited with his parents.

Large print. Good illustrations - some in colour - by the author.
English setting and some use of English slang.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Ardizzone, Edward. Tim in Danger. London, Oxford, 1953. 46p.

Adventures of Tim and Charlotte as they go in search of their friend, Ginger, who has run away from home.

See annotation to Tim All Alone for comments on print, word and sentence length, illustrations and reading level.

Ardizzone, Edward. Tim to the Lighthouse. London Oxford, 1968. 46p.

Tim sets out one stormy night to investigate why no light is coming from the lighthouse.

See annotation to Tim All Alone for comments on print, word and sentence length, illustrations and reading and interest levels.

Ardizzone, Edward. Tim to the Rescue. London, Oxford, 1949. 46p.

During a storm at sea Tim rescues Ginger the cabin boy. Humour arises from Ginger's discovery that the Third Mate's hair restorer works too well.

See annotation to Tim All Alone for comments on print, word and sentence length, illustrations, and reading and interest levels.

Ardizzone, Edward. Tim and Ginger. London, Oxford, 1965.

Tim and Ginger run into danger on a shrimping expedition.

See annotation to Tim All Alone for comments on print, word and sentence length, illustrations, and reading and interest levels.

D'Aulaire, Edgar and Ingri Parin. D'Aulaires' Trolls. New York, Doubleday, 1972. 62p.

A picturebook about the trolls - the legendary inhabitants of the Norwegian mountains.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by the authors.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar Parin. The Magic Meadow. New York, Doubleday, 1958. 55p.

Switzerland is the setting for this story of Peterli, a boy who herds goats and cows and dreams of a magic meadow that will bring good fortune to him and his grandfather. The story incorporates some historical background as well as the legend of William Tell.

Moderately easy vocabulary but some long sentences.
As usual with the d'Aulaires the illustrations are detailed, and although somewhat stylized are very attractive.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 4-6.

Ayars, James Sterling. Happy Birthday, Mom! London, Abelard-Schuman, 1963. 61p.

Some amusing problems develop when Tom and Molly give their mother two baby chickens for her birthday.

Large print. Many illustrations.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Baker, Betty. Little Runner of the Longhouse. New York, Harper and Row, 1962. 63p.

Little Runner, a very young Iroquois, longs to take part in the New Year ceremonies.

Large print. Good illustrations.
Easy vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Balian, Lorna. Where in the World is Henry? Scarsdale, N.Y., Bradbury Press, 1972. 30p.

A picture book with a maximum of two sentences to each page. Two children look for "Henry" who turns up in a surprise ending. In very simple form, this book can teach children about the relation of geographic entities - towns, states, countries, continents, etc. - to each other.

Large print, fairly good illustrations.
Very short sentences. Longest word is "continent".
Reading Level: Grade 1-2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Barth, Edna. Jack-O'-Lantern. New York, Seabury Press, 1974.

The story of the origin of the Halloween pumpkin lantern.

Large print. Illustrations by Paul Galdone.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Baruch, Dorothy W. Kobo and the Wishing Pictures. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E. M. Hale and Co., 1966. 63p.

A very appealing story which describes the Japanese Wishing Festival at which people of all ages take pictures of what they most wish for in the coming year to the shrine of the Rice Goddess. Kobo, a little Japanese boy, has a very special wish.

The illustrations by Yoshie Noguchi are an interesting compromise between Oriental and Western art styles.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

Bauml, Arline and Joseph. One Bright Monday Morning. New York, Random House, 1962.

A bright, colourful little picture book which can help in teaching very young children to count from one to seven.

Very large print. The pictures will aid the children with word recognition.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Pre-primary to Grade 1.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. Hansi. New York, Viking, 1962. 64p.

Hansi, a little boy from the Austrian Tyrol, spends Christmas at his uncle's home in the mountains.

Large print. As always Bemelmans's pictures are a delight in themselves.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline. New York, Viking, 1939. 44p.

The first of a series of picture books, now classics, about the adventures of a little girl at a convent boarding school in Paris. Madeline becomes the envy of the school when she has to have her appendix removed.

Larger than average print. Hilarious illustrations, many in bright colours.
Sentences are often divided into rhyming phrases - one or two to a page.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline and the Bad Hat. New York, Viking, 1956. 54p.

The Spanish ambassador moves in next door to Madeline's school, and Madeline and her friends have their work cut out in trying to reform the ambassador's naughty son, Pepito.

Longer words and sentences than in other Madeline books.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline and the Gypsies. New York, Viking, 1959. 56p.

Madeline and Pepito become circus performers in the Gypsy Carnival.

See annotation to Madeline for comments on word and sentence length, reading and interest levels.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline's Rescue. New York, Viking, 1953. 56p.

Genevieve, the dog, saves Madeline from drowning in the Seine. Later, Madeline and her friends rescue Genevieve who has been driven away by Lord Cucuface, the school trustee.

See annotation to Madeline for comments on word and sentence length, reading and interest levels.

Bennett, Rainey. After the Sun Goes Down. Cleveland, World Publishing Co., 1961.

A delightful picture book, telling of the nocturnal adventures of three young owls, Bubba, Jane and Snapper.

Large print, very attractive coloured illustrations.
Short sentences.
Very few words longer than two syllables.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Bennett, Rainey. The Secret Hiding Place. Cleveland, World Publishing Co., 1960.

Little Hippo looks for a place where he can fulfil his fondest wish - to be alone. This picture book is a charming companion to the same author's After the Sun Does Down.

See annotation to After the Sun Does Down for comments on illustrations, word and sentence length, and reading and interest levels.

Berg, Jean Horton. Big Bug, Little Bug. Chicago, Follett, 1964. 30p.

Big Bug feels discouraged when he discovers he is too small to help any of his animal friends, until he meets an ant who is small enough to need his help.

Large print. Attractive colour illustrations.
Very simple vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Berson, Harold. Pop! Goes the Turnip. New York, Grosset and Dunlop, 1966. 44p.

Rabbit enlists the aid of his friends to dig up a giant turnip.

Large print. Fine colour illustrations in which the costumes of the animals and the style of buildings suggests an eastern European setting.
Few long sentences and very few words longer than two syllables.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Bettina. Neretto. London, Oxford University Press, 1969.

Neretto, a little black poodle who lives in a Swiss mountain village, rescues two children who get lost on a skiing trip.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Bialk, Elisa. Tizz at the Stampede. Chicago, Children's Press, 1968. 95p.

The adventures of a little girl at the Calgary Stampede.

Large print. Illustrations by Hildegarde Lehmann.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Blanck, Jacob. Jonathan and the Rainbow. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E. M. Hale, 1948. 47p.

When Captain Forthright Jones, the retired pirate, captures a rainbow and intends to keep it for himself, Jonathan challenges him to a duel.

Large print. Good illustrations by Louis Slobodkin.
Fairly simple vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Blegvad, Lenore. The Great Hamster Hunt. Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey, The Windmill Press, 1972. 32p.

While his friend Tony is away on holiday, Nicholas looks after Tony's hamster. The day before Tony comes home, the hamster escapes from his cage.

Large print. Illustrations by Erik Blegvad.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Boegehold, Betty. Pippa Mouse. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1973. 62p.

Six very short stories about Pippa Mouse, her parents, and her friends are coupled with black and white illustrations of great charm and appeal.

Large print.
Simple vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Bolliger, Max. The Fireflies. New York, Atheneum, 1969.

Prosper the firefly longs to grow up, but he learns that growing up means more than just growing bigger - it means encountering unexpected situations.

Large print. Illustrations by Jiri Trnka.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Bonsall, Crosby. It's Mine! A Greedy Book. New York, Harper and Row, 1964.

A highly amusing picture book in which Mabel Ann and Patrick quarrel about who owns which toys.

Large print.
Almost no words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Pre-primary to Grade 2.

Boyle, Kay. Pinky, the Cat Who Liked to Sleep. New York, Crowell Collier, 1966. 32p.

Pinky falls asleep on top of a car which unexpectedly carries him far from his home. He then has to make a long and difficult return journey.

Large print. Appealing illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 2-4.

Bright, Robert. Georgie and Magician. New York, Doubleday, 1966. 45p.

When the cow is left homeless because her barn has burned down, Georgie the Ghost, Herman the Cat, and Miss Oliver the Owl arrange a magic show to raise funds for a new barn.

Large print, excellent illustrations.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Bright, Robert. Richard Brown and the Dragon. New York, Doubleday, 1952. 92p.

An enjoyable variation on the familiar theme of the king, who offers his beautiful daughter in marriage to the knight who can overcome a ferocious dragon. The hero of this tale succeeds by using an imaginative and unconventional weapon.

Large print. Amusing illustrations.
Easy vocabulary, but some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 3-6.

Brook, Judy. This Little Pig. Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey, Windmill Press, 1973.

Willy the pig goes to market and finds it is not as exciting as he thought it would be. He manages to escape with the help of a goose, and together they begin a new life at the circus.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Brown, Bill and Rosalie. Big Rig. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E. M. Hale and Co., 1959. 44p.

Clarence Carter, the long distance truck driver, acquires an unusual friend and partner in the form of Angelo, a stowaway mouse.

Large print. Many illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary. A glossary of trucking terms is included at the end of the book.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-5.

Brunhoff, Jean de. The Story of Babar. New York, Random House, 1960. 48p.

The first of a series of stories about Babar the elephant.
After his mother is killed by a hunter, Babar leaves the jungle and lives in a town with a rich old lady. Later, he returns to the jungle where the elephants ask him to be their king.

This edition is in cursive script rather than print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Brunhoff, Laurent de. Babar Visits Another Planet. New York, Random House, 1972.

Babar and his family are carried off in a space ship to another planet where cities are suspended in the air from huge balloons, people travel in "flying eggs", and although the inhabitants are not elephants, they look very like elephants.

Large print. Attractive illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Mostly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Brunhoff, Laurent de. Babar's Birthday Surprise. New York, Random House, 1970.

Babar's wife, Queen Celeste, plans to surprise him on his birthday by having a huge statue of Babar carved out of a mountain side. She has great difficulty keeping the giant statue hidden from Babar, however.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary. Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Buff, Mary and Conrad. The Apple and the Arrow. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1951. 75p.

A dramatic, well-written version of the William Tell legend.

Average size print. Illustrations by the authors.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Buff, Mary and Conrad. Tix and Vix. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1960.

The adventures of two young foxes.

Large print. Illustrations by the authors.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Burton, Virginia Lee. Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1939.

A delightful picture book. Mike and his steam shovel, Mary Anne, dig the foundations of the town hall of Popperville, but Mike is in such a hurry that he forgets to leave a way out.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Cass, Joan. The Cats' Adventure with Car Thieves. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1971.

The cats of River View Road foil a gang of car thieves who are trying to steal a valuable sports car.

Large print. Illustrations by William Stobbs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Cass, Joan. The Cats Go to Market. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1969.

The cats of River View Road outwit bad-tempered Mrs. Matilda Gubbins, the fish-seller.

Large print. Illustrations by William Stobbs.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Castle, Jane. Peep-Lo. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E. M. Hale and Co., 1965.

At the beach, Jill sees a plover which appears to have a broken wing, but she soon discovers that the bird is trying to lead her away from its nest. With the aid of her father's binoculars, Jill is able to watch from a distance as the plover's eggs hatch.

Large print. Pleasant if rather undistinguished illustrations.
Very short sentences.
Almost no words longer than two syllables.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Chittum, Ida. Farmer Hoo and the Baboons. New York, Delacorte Press, 1971.

Hilarious adventures result when Farmer Appleton Hoo mistakenly receives a crate of baboons addressed to the Happleton Zoo.

Large print. Illustrations by Glen Rounds.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 5.

Christian, Mary Blount. No Dogs Allowed, Jonathan! Reading, Massachusetts, Addison-Wesley, 1975. 32p.

When Jonathan is finally successful in smuggling a huge sheep dog into his apartment building, he learns why dogs are against the rules.

Large print. Illustrations by Don Madden.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Colman, Hila. Watch that Watch. New York, William Morrow, 1962.

After Lee loses the gold watch that his father gave him, the watch changes hands among a variety of owners, including a crow, a woodchuck and a fish.

Large print, fairly good illustrations.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Conford, Ellen. Just the Thing for Geraldine. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1974. 32p.

Geraldine the possum likes to hang upside down by her tail and do juggling tricks, but her parents want her to study ballet or weaving or sculpture.

Large print. Illustrations by John Larrecq.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Cooke, Edith Holden. The Bratchets. New York, Holt Rinehart Winston, 1936.

The Bratchets are a most unusual animal family, as anyone who sees the intriguing illustrations in this book will agree. The five Bratchet children intend to run away from home, but end up finding a new house for themselves and their parents.

Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Dahl, Borghild. The Cloud Shoes. New York, E. P. Dutton, 1957. 60p.

An entrancing Norwegian legend which describes how King Brynne in the course of a series of hazardous adventures, invented skis.

Slightly larger than average print.
Excellent often humourous illustrations by Hans Helweg.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Davies, Andrew. The Fantastic Feats of Doctor Boox. London, Collins, 1972. 63p.

A collection of short but very amusing stories about an animal doctor.

Large print. Illustrations by Tony Escott.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Davis, Reda. Martin's Dinosaur. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E. M. Hale, 1959.

Martin, a young American boy visiting Wales with his parents, has some amusing adventures with a dragon which he believes to be a dinosaur.

Large print. Good illustrations by Louis Slobodkin.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Dawson, Mary. Tecwyn, The Last of the Welsh Dragons. New York, Parents' Magazine Press, 1967. 72p.

When two Welsh children acquire a baby dragon as a pet, they do not foresee all the adventures and misadventures that will follow as their dragon grows to full size. Part of the problem arises from keeping Tecwyn supplied with his favourite food - uranium. All ends well, however, and Tecwyn even receives an invitation to Buckingham Palace.

Large print. Good illustrations by Ingrid Fetz.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Delafield, Clelia. Mrs. Mallard's Ducklings. New York, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard successfully bring up their family of fourteen ducklings, but are almost left behind when migration begins in the fall.

Large print. Illustrations by Leonard Weisgard.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Dillon, Ellis. The Wild Little House. London, Faber and Faber, 1955. 31p.

A little house that longs to be by the sea instead of in the city, and runs away to achieve its purpose.

Large print. Illustrations by V. H. Drummond.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Dorian, Marguerite. The Alligator's Toothache. New York, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1962.

Alli, the zoo alligator, has a toothache, but is afraid to go to the dentist until a little boy helps him to overcome his fear.

Large print, fairly good illustrations.
Some words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Du Bois, William Pène. Otto in Africa. New York, Viking, 1961.

Otto the giant dog sails to Africa with his master and helps the Foreign Legion to save a small city from attack by Abow the Fierce and his one hundred and seventy bandits.

Large print, attractive illustrations.
Some words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Ducornet, Erica and Guy. Shazira Shazam and the Devil. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1970.

Shazira Shazam is an old man of the east who wants to see the world. The Devil grants his wish, but wants Shazira Shazam's soul in exchange. With the help of his friends, Shazira Shazam plans to fool the devil, however.

Large print. Illustrations by the authors.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Duvoisin, Roger. Lonely Veronica. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1963.

As the pet of a construction crew, Veronica the hippopotamus leaves the jungle for the big city, but finds that the noisy, bustling city doesn't suit her at all.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Duvoisin, Roger. Veronica and the Birthday Present. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1971.

The friendship between Veronica, the hippopotamus and Candy the kitten leads to some merry mix-ups on Mrs. Applegreen's birthday.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Ellentuck, Shan. A Sunflower as Big as the Sun. New York, Doubleday, 1968.

Alarming and amusing events occur when Uncle Vanya brags about his giant sunflower.

Large print, good illustrations.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Emmott, Norman. Salvador, The Horse That Joined the Mounties. Toronto, Kingswood House, 1957.

Salvador, the milk-wagon horse, achieves his ambition of becoming an R.C.M.P. horse.

Larger than average print. Illustrations by Lloyd Scott.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Fatio, Louise. The Happy Lion in Africa. New York, McGraw Hill, 1955.

The Happy Lion is kidnapped from his home in the zoo, but manages to escape from his captor in Africa. After some unhappy adventures, he is able to return to his home.

Large print. Illustrations by Roger Duvoisin.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Fatio, Louise and Roger Duvoisin. Hector Penguin. New York, McGraw Hill, 1973.

On his way from one zoo to another, Hector Penguin falls off a truck and gets lost in a forest where none of the animals have ever seen a penguin before.

Large print. Illustrations by Roger Duvoisin.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Faulkner, Nancy. Small Clown and Tiger. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1968. 64p.

Pete, an eight-year-old circus clown, discovers that a tiger cub is missing and goes in search of him with successful results.

Large print. Illustrations by Cyndy Szekeres.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 18 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Fischer, Hans. Pitschi. New York, Harcourt, Brace and Co., 1953.

Pitschi, the kitten, always wants to be something else other than a kitten, until he learns from experience that it is best to remain just as he is.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Fisher, David. The Criminal Career of Vinegar Tom. London, Abelard-Schuman, 1963.

Vinegar Tom, the biggest and laziest cat on Bluebell Street, gets into trouble with the law, but redeems himself by proving to be an excellent mouse catcher.

Large print, amusing illustrations.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Flack, Marjorie. Angus and the Cat. New York, Doubleday, 1931.

Angus, a Scottie dog, is not too happy at first when a cat comes to live at his house, but gradually he and the cat become friends.

Large print, good illustrations.
Easy vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Flack, Marjorie. Angus and the Ducks. New York, Doubleday, 1930.

Angus learns not to become too curious about the ducks who live in the garden next door.

See annotation to Angus and the Cat for comments on print and illustrations.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Flack, Marjorie. Angus Lost. New York, Doubleday, 1932.

Tired of his monotonous life, Angus wanders away from home, but a series of misadventures convince him that home is best after all.

See annotation to Angus and the Cat for comments on print, illustrations etc.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Flack, Marjorie. The Restless Robin. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1965.

Buffy, a young robin, leaves his comfortable home and is caught in a series of adventures. It takes the music of all the songs of all the birds in the valley to get Buffy safely home again.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 23 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Flack, Marjorie. Walter the Lazy Mouse. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1937. 96p.

Walter the mouse is cured of his laziness when he has to become a teacher to three very backward frogs.

Large print. Illustrations by Cyndy Szekeres.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Fleischmann, Peter and Morton Schindel. Alexander and the Car with a Missing Headlight. New York, Viking, 1967.

Adapted from an animated film fantasy, illustrated by kindergarten children in Paris, this pleasant bit of whimsy tells how Alexander takes a round the world trip in a car that he got from a junkyard.

Large print, imaginative illustrations.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Flora, James. Sherwood Walks Home. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1966.

Sherwood, the wind-up toy bear is accidentally left in the park by his owner. Next day, when a kind man winds him up, Sherwood starts to walk home, and has some very surprising adventures along the way.

Large print, excellent imaginative illustrations.
Easy vocabulary and mostly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship. New York, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1968.

A Russian fairy tale, retold by Arthur Ransome. The Fool of the World is a young peasant who is looked down on by his parents. With the aid of an old wise man and seven supernatural companions, he wins the hand of the Czar's daughter.

Average size print. Many excellent colour illustrations by Uri Shulevitz.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Françoise. Minou. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1962.

A little girl, Nénette, travels all over Paris looking for her white cat, Minou.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 7 words.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Freeman, Don. Beady Bear. New York, Viking, 1954. 48p.

When Beady, the toy bear reads that bears live in caves, he leaves his comfortable house to find a more appropriate home. He soon finds that life in a cave does not appeal to him.

Large print. Fairly good illustrations in a pseudo-woodcut style.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Freeman, Don. The Guard Mouse. New York, Viking, 1967. 48p.

Clyde, the guard mouse of the title, stands on guard outside Buckingham Palace in London to keep small intruders from creeping through the walls. When his cousins, the Petrinis, arrive from New York for a visit, Clyde takes them on an exciting tour of London.

Large print. Whimsically delightful colour illustrations.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Freeman, Don. Norman the Doorman. New York, Viking, 1959. 64p.

Norman the mouse is the doorman of the mouse entrance to the Majestic Museum of Art. He has artistic ambitions of his own, and how he achieves success is told in this delightful and imaginative story.

Large print. Excellent colour illustrations by the author.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Freeman, Don. A Rainbow of My Own. New York, Viking, 1966.

The colourful illustrations in this picture book live up to the title of this fantasy, in which a little boy imagines all the ways that he could use a rainbow of his own.

Large print. Pictures predominate over text.
Very few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Freeman, Don. Ski Pup. New York, Viking, 1963. 56p.

Hugo the Saint Bernard puppy does not have much success when he tries to ski, but he proves to be an excellent rescue dog.

Large print, attractive illustrations.
Some words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Freeman, Jean Todd. Cynthia and the Unicorn. New York, W. W. Norton, 1967.

An appealing verse fantasy in which a little girl enlists the aid of a gryphon, a troll, and a mermaid to find what she wants most for Christmas - a unicorn.

Large print, attractive illustrations which can aid in providing meanings for unfamiliar words such as gryphon.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Friedman, Aileen. The Castles of the Two Brothers. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1972.

Klaus gets tired of being looked after by his older brother, Hubert, and sets out to build a castle for himself.

Large print, attractive if somewhat stodgy illustrations in which some of the humour is too sophisticated for very young readers.
Fairly easy vocabulary with some simple German phrases (e.g. Mein kleiner Bruder) interspersed.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Fritz, Jean. How to Read a Rabbit. New York, Coward-McCann, 1959. 58p.

Stephen, a boy who is fond of animals, discovers that his local library has a collection of pets which children can borrow. He does not have much success when he borrows Magnolia the skunk, but later acquires a rabbit of his own to keep.

Large print. Pleasant illustrations by Leonard Shortall.
Easy vocabulary.
Mostly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Gaeddert, LouAnn. Noisy Nancy and Nick. Garden City, New York, Doubleday, 1970.

Nancy's friend, Nick, does not like living in New York, so Nancy takes him on a whirlwind tour of the city to convince him that it does have its good points.

Large print. Illustrations by Gioia Fiammenghi.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Galdone, Paul. The Little Red Hen. New York, Seabury Press, 1973.

The hard-working little red hen plants wheat, waters it, weeds it, harvests it and takes it to the mill to be ground into flour, all without any help from her lazy friends, but she gets a special reward for her work.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Graham, Margaret Bloy. Benjy and the Barking Bird. New York, Harper and Row, 1971.

Benjy the dog can't stand Tilly the parrot because Tilly can bark better than he can. Benjy thinks up a plan to get rid of Tilly, but the plan works too well.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Gramatky, Hardie. Homer and the Circus Train. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1957. 64p.

Homer the little red caboose saves the circus train from a disastrous situation.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Hallowell, Priscilla. Hector Goes Fishing. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 1958. 48p.

On a fishing expedition, Hector makes friends with a duck, a beaver, and a fish, all of whom come to his rescue when he is attacked by two bullies.

Large print. Illustrations by Don Freeman.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Harris, Leon A. The Great Picture Robbery. New York, Atheneum, 1963.

Maurice, the French mouse who lives in the Louvre in Paris, succeeds in preventing two crooks from stealing the Mona Lisa.

Large print. Illustrations by Joseph Schindelman.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grad 1-4.

Hauff, Wilhelm. Dwarf Long-Nose. New York, Random House, 1960. 61p.

By means of a witch's spell, a handsome boy is transformed into a long-nosed hunchbacked dwarf, and has many adventures before he regains his original form.

Slightly larger than average print. Hilarious illustrations by Maurice Sendak.
Somewhat difficult vocabulary in parts.
Fairly long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 3-6.

Herman, Charlotte. String Bean. Chicago, J. Philip O'Hara, 1972. 48p.

Harold worries about being too skinny, and tries to gain weight in several different ways, until he discovers that there are advantages to being thin.

Large print. Illustrations by Tom Funk.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Himler, Ronald and Ann. Little Owl, Keeper of the Trees. New York, Harper and Row, 1974. 64p.

Three delightful adventures of Little Owl as he meets a mysterious friend, learns to fly, and has a birthday party.

Large print. Illustrations by Ronald Himler.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Hoban, Lillian. Arthur's Christmas Cookies. New York, Harper and Row. 1972.

Arthur the chimpanzee and his sister Violet try to bake some cookies as a Christmas surprise for their parents, with hilarious results.

Large print, excellent illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary with quite short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Hoban, Lillian. Arthur's Honey Bear. New York, Harper and Row, 1974.

Arthur and Violet decide to sell some of their toys, but Arthur cannot part with the toy honey bear that his father gave him when Arthur had the chickenpox.

See annotation to the same author's Arthur's Christmas Cookies for comments on print, illustrations, vocabulary, and reading and interest levels.

Hoff, Syd. Albert the Albatross. New York, Harper and Row, 1961. 32p.

Blown inland by a storm, Albert has some amusing adventures while trying to find his way back to the ocean.

Large print, good illustrations.
Easy vocabulary of ninety-nine words.
Very short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Hogrogian, Nonny. Billy Goat and His Well-Fed Friends. New York, Harper and Row, 1972. 63p.

Billy Goat and several of his friends escape from the farm and search for a new home.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Hoke, Helen. The Big Dog and the Very Little Cat. London, Heinemann, 1969.

Major, an old St. Bernard dog, is not too happy when a playful kitten comes to stay at his house.

Large print. Illustrations by Diana Thorne.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Holman, Felice. Silently, the Cat, and Miss Theodosia. New York, Macmillan, 1965. 58p.

Miss Theodosia and her cat, Silently, help all kinds of people in difficulties.

Large print. Illustrations by Harvey Dinnerstein.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Holman, Felice. The Witch on the Corner. New York, W. W. Norton and Co., 1966. 90p.

When the neighbourhood children accuse old Mrs. Pinchon of being a witch, Mrs. Pinchon herself begins to wonder if she has magic powers. In her efforts to find out she discovers that she does have a special "magic touch".

Large print. Amusing illustrations by Arnold Lobel.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 5-6.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

Hurd, Edith Thatcher. Hurry Hurry. New York, Harper and Row, 1960. 62p.

Because she is always in a hurry, Miss Mugs gets herself into all kinds of difficulties. Little Suzie helps to convince Miss Mugs that sometimes it's better to go slowly.

Large print. Illustrations by Clement Hurd.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 1-2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Johnson, Crockett. Ellen's Lion. Eau Claire, Wisconsin, E. M. Hale and Co., 1964. 62p.

A series of twelve short and amusing stories in the form of conversations between Ellen, a little girl, and her toy lion.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Johnson, Elizabeth. The Little Knight. Boston, Little, Brown and Co., 1957. 56p.

A princess who believes in taking matters into her own hands when it comes to slaying dragons and a prince who is looking for a girl with plenty of spirit are the two main characters in this highly amusing fairy tale.

Large print. Good Illustrations by Ronni Solbert.
Easy vocabulary.
Fairly short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-5.

Johnson, Margaret S. Snowshoe Paws. New York, William Morrow and Co., 1949. 63p.

Lanny, a cat with big six-toed feet and Impy, the Pekingese puppy, can't get along with each other at all, until Lanny rescues Impy in a dangerous situation.

Very large print. Attractive full page illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Johnson, Margaret S. and Helen Lossing Johnson. Joey and Patches, A Tale of Two Kittens. New York, William Morrow and Co., 1947. 70p.

Comical adventures of two kittens on a farm.

Very large print. Appealing illustrations by Margaret S. Johnson.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Johnston, Johanna. Sugarplum and Snowball. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1968.

Sugarplum, the doll, is bored and lonely until she finds a friend and playmate in Snowball, the kitten.

Large print, attractive illustrations.
Almost no words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 19 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Johnston, Tony. The Adventures of Mole and Troll. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1972. 64p.

Four pleasant stories of Mole and Troll, two good friends who always try to help each other.

Large print. Illustrations by Wallace Tripp.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Jones, Elizabeth Orton. Twig. New York, Macmillan, 1962. 152p.

A delightful fantasy about a little girl who lives in an apartment house in the city where she is rather lonely, until an elf introduces her to some incredible adventures.

Average size print. Excellent illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Joslin, Sesyle. Baby Elephant Goes to China. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1963. 46p.

Baby Elephant digs a hole straight through to China where he has an encounter with a dragon, rides in a ricksha, and tries out his knowledge of Chinese.

Large print. Illustrations by Leonard Weisgard.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Kent, Jack. The Fat Cat. New York, Parents' Magazine Press, 1971.

A Danish folktale about a cat who eats everyone and everything that he meets.

Large print. Delightful illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Kessler, Leonard. On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! New York, Harper and Row, 1972. 64p.

A hilarious account of the first All-Animal Olympic Games.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 6 words.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Kijima, Hajime. Little White Hen. London, MacDonald, 1967.

The little white hen is captured by the fox, but she is more cunning than he is, and outwits him.

Large print. Ilustrations by Setsuko Hane.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Kingston, Jeremy. The Bird Who Saved the Jungle. London, Faber and Faber, 1973.

Jy, the myna bird, succeeds in getting the fearsome vultures to leave the jungle.

Large print. Illustrations by Gerald Rose.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Klein, Marnie. The Stanley Saucer. Toronto, Clarke, Irwin, 1972.

Stanley the turtle is a great hockey fan. He travels to Toronto to see the Stanley Cup game, and the Maple Leafs are so impressed by his loyalty that they award him a special prize of his own.

Large print. Illustrations by Patrice Parkinson.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Knight, Hilary. Where's Wallace. New York, Harper and Row, 1964. 40p.

Wallace, the orangutan escapes from the zoo to see the world. Hillary Knight's text and illustrations are outstanding. Part of the fun of this wonderful book comes from trying to find Wallace in the splendid colour pictures which are as crammed full of action and excitement as any canvas by Brueghel.

Large print.
Few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Krasilovsky, Phyllis. The Cow Who Fell in the Canal. New York, Doubleday, 1957.

Hendrika the cow, who lives on a farm in Holland, falls into a canal, finds a raft, and sails to the city of Gouda where she has an adventurous day until her owner comes to claim her.

Large print, excellent illustrations which authentically depict the Dutch town and country scene.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Kraus, Robert. How Spider Saved Halloween. New York, Harper and Row, 1973.

Two bullies smash Fly and Ladybug's Halloween pumpkin, but a clever idea by Spider saves the evening from disaster.

Large print, amusing colour illustrations.
Very few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Kraus, Robert. Penguin's Pal. New York, Harper and Row, 1964. 32p.

Norman Penguin is lonely without a pal, so he builds one for himself - a snow penguin who comes to life and accompanies Norman on a visit to the Snow Queen.

Large print, amusing and attractive illustrations.
Very few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Kraus, Robert. The Silver Dandelion. New York, Harper and Row, 1965. 32p.

Roger Rabbit wants to pick a dandelion, but so does everyone else.

Large print, very appealing illustrations.
Very few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Kraus, Robert. The Trouble with Spider. New York, Harper and Row, 1962. 32p.

With the help of Ladybug, Fly finds out that Spider wants to be a friend rather than an enemy.

Large print, very amusing illustrations.
Very few words longer than two syllables.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Krauss, Ruth. The Happy Day. New York, Harper and Row, 1949.

The discovery of a flower growing in the snow-covered forest brings happiness to the animals.

Large print. Good illustrations in black and white.
Easy vocabulary and very short sentences. (The pictures take precedence over a very skimpy text.)
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Pre-primary to Grade 2.

Lauber, Patricia. Clarence and the Burglar. Toronto, Longmans, 1973. 48p.

Clarence the dog's love of playing games proves to be the downfall of a burglar.

Large print. Illustrations by Paul Galdone.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 7 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Le Grand. How Basketball Began. New York, Abingdon Press, 1962. 64p.

This amusing story links the origin of basketball to the great Chicago fire that was started by Mrs. O'Leary's cow.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Lenski, Lois. Cowboy Small. New York, Henry Z. Walck, 1949.

The various activities of cowboys are explained and illustrated in this little book which is one of the Mr. Small series.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1-2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Lexau, Joan M. The Homework Caper. New York, Harper and Row, 1966. 64p.

When Bill can't find his homework, which he knows he has done, his friend, Ken, decides to play detective and find the missing assignment.

Large print, good illustrations.
Easy vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Lexau, Joan M. I Should Have Stayed in Bed. New York, Harper and Row, 1965.

Sam has one of those days where everything seems to go wrong.

Large print, amusing illustrations by Syd Hoff.
Easy vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Lifton, Betty Jean. Kap and the Wicked Monkey. New York, W. W. Norton and Co., 1968. 64p.

Kap, a Japanese kappa or water-elf, manages to outwit Saru, a wicked monkey.

Large print. Illustrations by Eüchi Mitsui.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Lindgren, Astrid. The Tomten. New York, Coward-McCann, 1964.

A simple but very appealing story of the Tomten, a little troll who wanders around the Scandinavian farmyards by night, talking to the animals.

Large print. Delightful colour illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Lindgren, Astrid. The Tomten and the Fox. New York, Coward-McCann, 1966.

The Tomten, the gnome who guards the farm, feeds porridge to a hungry fox so that he will not steal the chickens.

Large print. Illustrations by Harold Wiberg.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Lionni, Leo. The Greentail Mouse. New York, Pantheon, 1973.

The mice decide to hold a Mardi Gras carnival and wear masks and costumes but things do not work out as well as they had hoped.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Lionni, Leo. Theodore and the Talking Mushroom. New York, Pantheon, 1971. 32p.

Theodore, a timid mouse, discovers a strange blue mushroom which he believes can talk. His discovery only leads to unhappy results, however.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Lionni, Leo. Tico and the Golden Wings. New York Pantheon, 1964.

A little bird born without wings is one day granted his dearest wish.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Lipkind, William. Nubber Bear. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1966. 36p.

Nubber Bear is warned by his mother that he must never go to the Middle Wood, but Nubber knows that is where the bees have their hives. He decides to slip away, one dark night, in search of honey.

Large print. Illustrations by Roger Duvoisin.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Lobel, Arnold, Frog and Toad Together. New York, Harper and Row, 1972. 64p.

Five short stories of the adventures of two good friends.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Lobel, Arnold. The Great Blueness and Other Predicaments. New York, Harper and Row, 1968.

A wizard tries various experiments to colour a world where there are no colours except grey.

Slightly larger than average print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Lobel, Arnold. Prince Bertram the Bad. New York, Harper and Row, 1963.

Prince Bertram constantly misbehaves until a witch changes him into a small dragon. Later, when Bertram saves the witch's life, she rewards him by changing him back to his normal state, but fortunately Bertram has learned his lesson and has reformed his manners.

Large print. Amusing illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Lord, Beman. The Day the Spaceship Landed. New York, Henry Z. Walck, Inc., 1967. 64p.

The landing of a spaceship in a swamp near his home causes problems for ten-year-old Mike Davis who not only sees the ship land, but also meets its occupants. Amusing situations develop as Mike has to find food and other necessities for the space travellers while keeping their presence a secret.

Large print. Many illustrations by Harold Berson.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Lord, John Vernon. The Runaway Roller Skate. London, Jonathan Cape, 1973.

Mr. Ellwood who loves to roller skate pursues a mouse who has stolen one of his skates on a frantic round the world chase. The story is told in verse.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Luzzati, Emanuele. Punch and the Magic Fish. New York, Pantheon Books.

When Punch discovers a magic fish that can grant any wish he desires, his wife's demands grow more and more fantastic until Punch and his wife find themselves right back where they started.

Large print. Many illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 5.

McCrea, James and Ruth. The Story of Olaf. New York, Atheneum, 1964.

Olaf, the page boy to two knights, overcomes two dragons and is made a knight himself.

Large print. Illustrations by the authors.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

MacDonald, George. The Light Princess. New York, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1969. 110p.

The story of a princess who has a spell cast on her so that she loses her gravity.

Small print. Illustrations by Maurice Sendak.
Vocabulary of average degree of difficulty.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-5.

McGovern, Ann. Too Much Noise. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1967. 46p.

Old Peter the farmer thinks his house is too noisy so he seeks the advice of the village wise man.

Large print. Illustrations by Simms Taback.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1-2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

McReady, T. L. Increase Rabbit. New York, Ariel Books, 1958.

Increase Rabbit surprises the Warner family when she decides to move from her rabbit hutch into the house. She makes friends with the Warner's tomcat, Mr. Stubbs, and gets into trouble because she loves to munch things.

Large print. Illustrations by Tasha Tudor.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 25 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Manushkin, Fran. Shirleybird. New York, Harper and Row, 1975. 32p.

Shirley, a little girl who wants to be something special when she grows up, has her wish granted, and turns into a bird.

Large print. Illustrations by Carl Stuart.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Margolis, Richard J. Homer the Hunter. New York, Macmillan, 1972. 40p.

Rabbit, Squirrel and Crow pretend that Homer has shot them, and come back as "ghosts" to haunt him.

Large print. Illustrations by Leonard Kessler.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Marsh, Jessie Brown. Chip the Chipmunk. St. Louis, Missouri, Bethany Press, 1962. 95p.

Chip, the mischievous chipmunk, leads a happy life until a bulldozer from a construction project buries his cozy home and he loses his winter food supply. Chip and his friend Mickey set out in search of new homes.

Large print. Appealing illustrations by Bethany Tudor.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Martin, Patricia Miles. The Dog and the Boat Boy. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1969. 48p.

Chung Yong, a small boy who lives on a boat in Hong Kong harbour, tries to find a home for a stray dog who has befriended him.

Large print. Illustrations by Earl Thollander.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-5.

Martin, Patricia Miles. Kumi and the Pearl. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1968. 48p.

By demonstrating her courage, Kumi, a little Japanese girl, achieves her ambition of becoming a pearl diver.

Large print. Illustrations by Tom Hamil.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 2-5.

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Masaka Matsuno. Taro and the Bamboo Shoot. New York, Pantheon, 1964.

Nine-year-old Taro tries to cut a bamboo shoot when suddenly it starts to grow higher and higher, taking Taro with it. When Taro's relatives set out to rescue him, they make a wonderful discovery which changes their lives.

Large print. Illustrations by Yasuo Segawa.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Mason, Miriam E. Matilda and Her Family. New York, Macmillan, 1957. 144p.

The story of Matilda, a proud and independent black cat, and how she raises her four kittens.

Large print. Good illustrations by Meg Wohlberg.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Merrill, Jean. High, Wide and Handsome and Their Three Tall Tales. New York, Young Scott Books, 1964.

High the monkey, Wide the pig, and Handsome the fox challenge Rolling Stone the hound to a storytelling contest, the winner to get the loser's clothes.

Large print. Illustrations by Ronni Solbert.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Miller, Edna. Mousekin Finds a Friend. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1967. 28p.

A little mouse ventures through the forest, seeking a friend, and is finally successful after many adventures.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Miyoko Matsutani. Gengoroh and the Thunder God. New York, Parents Magazine Press, 1970.

An amusing Japanese tale about a mischievous young man who discovers a magic drum which aids him in becoming a helper of the thunder god. Unfortunately, he misuses the powers that the god gives him, with almost tragic results.

Large print. Illustrations by Yasuo Segawa.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Murschetz, Luis. Mole. London, Methuen, 1973.

When his underground home is destroyed by a construction project, Mole has to find a new place to live.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Myrick, Mildred. The Secret Three. New York, Harper and Row, 1963. 64p.

Three boys vacationing by the sea form a secret club and devise their own codes and recognition signs.

Large print, good illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Grade 1-3.

Ness, Evaline. The Girl and the Goatherd or This and That and Thus and So. New York, Dutton, 1970.

A goatherd wants the ugliest girl in the world to marry him, but all the girl can think of is being beautiful. The story tells how she becomes beautiful, and what happens then.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Oakley, Graham. The Church Mice and the Moon. London, Macmillan, 1974.

When Arthur and Humphrey, two church mice are kidnapped by scientists who plan to use them for a moon expedition, but Samp.on the cat comes to the rescue, with very funny results.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 27 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Ormondroyd, Edward. Broderick. Berkeley, California, Parnassus Press, 1969.

After a great deal of practice and hard work, Broderick the mouse achieves his ambition and becomes the greatest surfer mouse in history.

Large print. Illustrations by John Larrecq.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Palmer, Robin. Dragons, Unicorns and Other Magical Beasts. New York, Henry Z. Walck Inc., 1966. 96p.

A delightful dictionary of mythical and magical birds and beasts, along with a collection of stories and poems about them.

Small print in first part (dictionary).
Slightly larger than average print used for the stories.
Illustrations by Don Bolognese.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Park, Ruth. Nuki and the Sea Serpent. Longmans Young Books Ltd., 1969.

Nuki, a young Maori boy in New Zealand is always frightening people with his tall tales. When he actually encounters a giant sea serpent, no one believes him until the sea serpent appears.

Large print. Illustrations by Zelma Blakely.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Peet, Bill. How Droofus the Dragon Lost His Head. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1971. 46p.

Droofus, the good-tempered dragon, helps a king who wants a dragon's head for a wall decoration.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 24 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Perrine, Mary. Salt Boy. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1968. 31p.

A simple but endearing story of a young Navajo shepherd boy who, through patience and courage, is granted his fondest wish.

Average size print. Fine illustrations by Leonard Weisgard.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Piers, Helen. Hullabaloo for Owl. London, Methuen, 1968. 16p.

A little owl tries to find a quiet place to sleep during the day.

Large print. Illustrations in the form of colour photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Very short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Pre-primary to Grade 2.

Piers, Helen. Snail and Caterpillar. Longman Young Books, 1972. 40p.

When Snail goes to visit his friend Caterpillar at the cabbage patch, he discovers that the cabbage on which Caterpiller lives is being taken to market. Snail sets out on a long perilous journey to save Caterpillar and find another home for her.

Large print. Illustrations by Pauline Baynes.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Piers, Helen. What Can Monkey Do Next? London, Methuen, 1968. 16p.

A mischievous pet monkey explores various items around the house in which he lives.

Large print. Illustrated with colour photographs.
Easy vocabulary.
Very short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Pre-primary to Grade 2.

Prieto, Mariana. Tomato Boy. New York, John Day Co., 1967. 48p.

Davey gets a job selling tomatoes so that he can buy a new red shirt to wear at the school concert. When he learns that his friend, Paco, can't dance in the concert because he has no shoes, Davey uses his money to buy shoes for Paco. Davey is rewarded, however, when he saves a valuable cat from drowning, so that both Paco and Davey are able to perform in the concert.

Large print. Good illustrations by Lee Smith.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Rey, H.A. Curious George. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1941. 56p.

Curious George, a mischievous monkey whose curiosity is always getting him into trouble, has some hilarious adventures as he is brought from Africa to the zoo.

Large print, excellent colour illustrations.
Easy vocabulary.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Rey, H.A. Curious George Gets a Medal. Boston, Houghton, Mifflin, 1957. 47p.

More escapades of this endearing monkey, ranging from George's attempt to write a letter to his making a flight into space.

See annotation to Curious George for comments about print, illustrations, vocabulary, reading and interest levels.

Rey, H.A. Curious George Rides a Bike. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1952. 45p.

Having received a bicycle as a present, Curious George begins working as a newspaper delivery boy, but ends up as a circus star.

See annotation to Curious George for comments on print, illustrations, vocabulary, reading and interest levels.

Rudolph, Marguerita. The Brave Soldier and a Dozen Devils. New York, Seabury Press, 1970. 40p.

Plenty of humour and suspense in this Latvian tale of a brave young soldier who spends a night in a haunted house.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by Imero Gobbato.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Sandburg, Helga. Joel and the Wild Goose. New York, Dial Press, 1963.

A little boy on a farm rescues a wild goose that has been wounded by hunters and cares for it during the winter until it is well enough to rejoin its flock in the spring.

Large print. Unusual but very attractive illustrations by Thomas Daly.
Easy vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Sawyer, Ruth. The Christmas Anna Angel. New York, Viking, 1944. 48p.

An enjoyable Christmas story with a Hungarian setting.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by Kate Seredy.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

Sawyer, Ruth. The Year of the Christmas Dragon. New York, Viking, 1960. 88p.

In this delightful legend, a dragon migrates from China to Mexico where, after a long hibernation, he befriends Pepe, a Mexican boy.

Larger than average print. Good illustrations by Hugh Troy.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 2-6.

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Scarry, Patricia M. Little Richard and Prickles. New York, American Heritage Press, 1971. 93p.

A collection of very short and hilarious stories about Little Richard, the rabbit, Prickles, the hedgehog, and their friends.

Slightly larger than average print. Many delightful illustrations by Cyndy Szekeres.
Easy vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Scarry, Patricia M. Waggy and His Friends. New York, American Heritage Press, 1970. 123p.

Another excellent collection of stories by the author of Little Richard and Prickles. This time the featured characters are Waggy the woolen dog and a variety of other toy animals. The illustrations by Cyndy Szekeres are a delight in themselves.

Easy vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Scarry, Richard. The Early Bird. New York, Random House, 1968.

Early Bird finds a friend and playmate in Wiggly Worm in this attractive picture book.

Large print.
Easy vocabulary.
Short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Scarry Richard. The Great Pie Robbery. New York, Random House, 1969. 34p.

Detectives Sam Cat and Dudley Pig investigate the pie robbery at Ma Dog's Bakery. The hilariously imaginative illustrations complement an amusing story.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Scarry, Richard. Richard Scarry's Funniest Storybook Ever. New York, Random House, 1972.

A glorious collection of escapades of Richard Scarry's animal characters. The illustrations alone are worth the price of the book.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Selden, George. The Cricket in Times Square. New York, Farrar, Straus and Co., 1960. 151p.

Chester the cricket spends an exciting summer in New York with his friends, Mario the newsboy, Tucker the mouse, and Harry the cat.

Larger than average print. Appealing illustrations by Garth Williams.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-7.

Seuss, Dr. The Cat in the Hat. New York, Random House, 1957.

Dr. Seuss's wonderful nonsense rhymes and pictures about an incredible cat and his two assistants, Thing One and Thing Two, who arrive unexpectedly to cause mayhem at the home of two children are sure to appeal to the most reluctant reader.

Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Seuss, Dr. The Cat in the Hat Comes Back. New York, Random House, 1958. 63p.

The cat in the hat returns in an even funnier adventure in which he helps the children with a snow clearing job.

Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Schiller, Barbara. The White Rat's Tale. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1967.

An unusual French fairy tale in which a white rate is changed into a spoiled princess.

Large print. Illustrations by Adrienne Adams.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Singer, Isaac Bashevis. Mazel and Shlimazel. New York, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1967. 43p.

A Yiddish folk tale about a battle of wits between Mazel, the spirit of good luck and Shlimazel, the spirit of bad luck, with the happiness of a princess and a peasant boy depending on the result.

Large print. Unusual but attractive illustrations by Margot Zemach.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: [illegible] words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Sloan, Carolyn. The Penguin and the Vacuum Cleaner. Harmondsworth, Middlesex, Kestrel Books, 1974. 26p.

Josh the penguin gets the mumps, so the zoo keeper takes him home to help him get better. At the keeper's house, Josh encounters a vacuum cleaner for the first time, and hilarious adventures occur.

Large print. Illustrations by Jill McDonald.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Sloan, Carolyn. Victoria and the Crowded Pocket. Harmondsworth, Middlesex, Longman Young Books, 1973. 32p.

Victoria the young kangaroo decides to move out of her mother's pouch and find a new place to live, because her mother collects everything she finds, from coat hangers to cactus plants, and puts them in her pouch beside Victoria.

Large print. Illustrations by Peter Bailey.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Slobodkin, Louis. Colette and the Princess. New York, E. P. Dutton, 1965. 48p.

An amusing story of a spoiled princess who, while on holiday in a little mountain town, demands absolute silence.

Slightly larger than average print. Delightful illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 14 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Slobodkin, Louis. The Wide-Awake Owl. New York, Macmillan, 1958.

Olga the owl has all kinds of difficulties in falling asleep.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Smith, Theresa Kalab. Dilly Dally. Austin, Texas, Steck Co., 1961. 48p.

Dilly Dally the duckling is very unwilling to swim until he is forced to in order to rescue his friend, Chee Chee the chipmunk, from drowning.

Large print, attractive colour illustrations.
Very simple vocabulary, and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 1.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Steig, William. Sylvester and the Magic Pebble. New York, Simon and Schuster, 1969. 32p.

Sylvester the donkey likes to collect pebbles of unusual shapes and colours. One day he finds a magic pebble which has the power to grant all wishes.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Steiner, Charlotte. I'd Rather Stay With You. New York, Seabury Press, 1965.

Mama Kangaroo has great difficulty in persuading her baby, Ken Kangaroo, to leave her pouch and jump by himself. How she finally succeeds makes for an amusing story.

Large print, amusing illustrations.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Stevens, Carla. Hooray for Pig. New York, Seabury Press, 1974. 48p.

With the help of his friend Otter, Pig overcomes his fear of the water and learns to swim.

Large print. Illustrations by Rainey Bennett.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 8 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Stolz, Mary. The Great Rebellion. New York, Harper and Row, 1961. 63p.

Asa and Rambo, two small mice, are tired of being bullied by Portman, the chief mouse, so they decide to run away. Since they are accustomed to living in a house, they soon discover that they are not very successful as field mice.

Large print. Imaginative illustrations by Beni Montreso.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 13 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Thomas, Margaret. The Giant Who Lost His Voice. London, Harrap, 1973. 48p.

A giant who is always roaring develops a sore throat and has difficulty in finding a cure.

Large print. Illustrations by Mike Woron.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 17 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Thurber, James. Many Moons. New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1943.

The story of a princess who wanted the moon, and how the court jester helped her to get it is related in this short and charming fairy tale.

Large print. Attractive illustrations by Louis Slobodkin.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Some long sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Turnbull, Agnes Sligh. George. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1965. 94p.

George, a talking rabbit who wears glasses and is a whiz at arithmetic moves in with the Weaver family.

Large print. Amusing illustrations by Trina Hyman.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Uttley, Alison. Adventures of Tim Rabbit. London, Faber and Faber, 1945. 171p.

A collection of stories about Tim Rabbit who goes on his way, seeking adventures and outwitting his enemies, the Fox and the Magpie.

Large print. Illustrations by A. E. Kennedy.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 2-5.

Uttley, Alison. Hare and the Easter Eggs. London, Collins, 1952. 63p.

This is one of the titles in the Grey Rabbit series for young readers - a series in which the stories, and particularly the illustrations by Margaret Tempest, are superb.

In this volume, Hare buys some chocolate Easter eggs from the village as an Easter surprise for Grey Rabbit and Squirrel.

Large print.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Uttley, Alison. Little Red Fox and the Wicked Uncle. Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1963. 62p.

Against her better judgement, Mrs. Badger adopts Rufus, a little orphan fox. Rufus proves to be mischievous at first but after he has been kidnapped by his wicked uncle (and has escaped), he shows himself to be clever and thoughtful.

Large print. Illustrations by Katherine Wigglesworth.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Wahl, Jan. Crabapple Night. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1971.

Emmy, Philomena and Reginald vow revenge on Louella Fink whom they suspect of poisoning their Scotch terrier, Ambrose, in addition to murdering Mr. Fink. Many amusing situations develop before everything ends happily.

Large print. Very good illustrations by Steven Kellogg.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 3-6.

Wahl, Jan. Pleasant Fieldmouse. New York, Harper and Row, 1964. 66p.

An attractive collection of stories about Pleasant Fieldmouse and his animal friends.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by Maurice Sendak.
Moderately easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 12 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4-5.
Interest Level: Grade 1-6.

Walker, Barbara H. Hilili and Dilili. Chicago, Follett, 1965. 32p.

A Turkish folk tale of a kind-hearted old couple whose lack of wits gets them into all kinds of trouble.

Large print. Illustrations by Bill Barss.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 15 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Wiese, Kurt. The Thief in the Attic. New York, Viking, 1965. 43p.

Life in the old hollow maple tree was pleasant for the animals and birds who made their homes there until a noisy, badly-behaved, thieving crow moves into the topmost branches. The opossum, the raccoon and the owl work out a clever and funny plan to get rid of the pest.

Large print. Illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 21 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3-4.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Wiesner, William. Joco and the Fishbone. New York, Viking, 1966. 46p.

An adaptation of a tale from the Arabian Nights. A series of amusing events is set in motion when Joco, a hunchbacked musician in Baghdad, chokes on a fishbone and is believed to be dead.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by the author.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 20 words.
Reading Level: Grade 4.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 5.

Williams, Barbara. Albert's Toothache. New York, Dutton, 1974. 30p.

No one in his family believes Albert the turtle when he says he has a toothache, except for Grandmother Turtle who finds a cure.

Large print. Illustrations by Kay Chorao.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 9 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: kindergarten to Grade 4.

Wilson, Christopher B. Hobnob. New York, Viking, 1968.

Hob and Nob are former brothers who will not speak to one another because of a silly quarrel. Eventually they find a reason to make up and be good friends.

Large print. Illustrations by William Wiesner.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 3.

Wisbeski, Dorothy. Picaro, A Pet Otter. New York, Hawthorn Books, 1971. 32p.

The author describes a typical day in the life of her lively and lovable pet otter.

Large print. Illustrations by Edna Miller.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 10 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Yaroslava (pseud.). Tusya and the Pot of Gold. New York, Atheneum, 1971.

A Ukrainian folk tale about a farmer who finds a pot of gold in his field, but is afraid that his gossiping wife will tell everyone about it.

Large print. Excellent illustrations by the author.
Easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 11 words.
Reading Level: Grade 2-3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.

Zion, Gene. Harry and the Lady Next Door. New York, Harper and Row, 1960.

Harry the dog can't stand the singing of the lady next door, and tries several ingenious plans to solve his problem.

Large print, amusing illustrations.
Easy vocabulary and short sentences.
Reading Level: Grade 2.
Interest Level: Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Zion, Gene. The Sugar Mouse Cake. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1964. 48p.

With the help of Tina the mouse, Tom bakes the best cake in the kingdom and wins the contest to become Chief Pastry Cook to the king.

Large print. Illustrations by Margaret Bloy Graham.
Fairly easy vocabulary.
Average sentence length: 16 words.
Reading Level: Grade 3.
Interest Level: Grade 1-4.